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PRAYERS,

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TO  
The Judicious,  
and Religious  
READER.

**T**He most pious  
eye is that  
which doth look up-  
ward ; heaven can-  
not be scaled with-  
out prayer ; it is  
B zeal

## To the Reader.

zeal which doth distinguish betwixt a Christian and an Atheist ; we must number our comforts by the number of our ejaculations ; we are not Temples of the living God if we have not our consecration by devotion, 1 Cor. 6. 19. Worship will save

## To the Reader.

save us sooner than  
Wisdom. If the  
Pulpit hath made  
our mortal wounds  
to bleed, or ake, we  
ought to prepare  
healing balsom for  
them in our closets.  
Nature is not hum-  
bled untill we bring  
her to her bended  
knees; we live mi-  
serable in wants,  
E 2 untill

## To the Reader.

untill we do petition  
for a supply. We are  
but barren Profes-  
sors, when Prayer is  
not the fruit of our  
lips, Heb. 13. 15.  
we receive little  
from above, when  
we do not knock at  
heaven gates, Mat.  
7. 7. we understand  
the virtue of prayer,  
and yet neglect the  
duty;

## To the Reader.

duty ; and we know  
that Prayer doth  
heal a land, 2 Chro.  
7. 14. make up the  
bedge, Ezech. 22.  
30. open the bea-  
vens, James 5. 17.  
and yet that we do  
so seldom intreat the  
face of the Lord, or  
lift up a cry, Jere-  
miah, 7. 16.

How happy might

A 3 we

## To the Reader.

*we be, if we would  
joyn reverence to  
our religion, ferven-  
cy to our faith, holy  
exercises to our holy  
titles! But alas the  
power of godliness,  
and the ardency of  
Christianity is anti-  
quated. We might  
be every way wret-  
ched, for we scarce  
seek for one blessing;*  
we

## To the Reader.

*we might burn beneath, for we quench no flames above. How are our hearts hardened because we do not mollifie them by Prayer ! how is Gods bosom shut, because our lips will not open ! Can those Children be looked upon as comfortable heirs, which are*  
B 4 *still-*

## To the Reader.

still-born? can we expect an Advocate to plead for us, when our indevotion hath silenced him? Many may doubt of their ransom, for they never sent, or sought for it; many may despair of their felicity, for they have been no earnest Suters, or Solicitors  
for

## To the Reader.

for it ; Shame to this  
dumb profession, hor-  
rour to this unde-  
vout age. The Pa-  
pists spend out half  
their lives in Pray-  
er, they are seldom  
but creeping to their  
Images, and kneeling  
before their Shrines,  
and we cry down su-  
perstition with secu-  
rity, and wil-wor-  
ship

## To the Reader.

ship, with no worship. Blush at their beads, beware lest their canonical hours do not make us think Prayer as some Apocryphal duty.

Ob let us learn this Mother tongue of the Church ; let us account our selves but Jews outwardly; if we cannot speak  
this

## To the Reader.

this language of Canaan; perfume Religion with these fragrant scents, for doubtless prayers are the golden Vials full of sweet odours.

By prayer let us awaken torpulence, mortify sensuality, appease conflicts, stock our selves with endowments, strengthen

## To the Reader.

Strengthen faith, redeem time, and prepare for eternity. We are most separated from the world in soliloquies; we are deafning our ears to nature, when we are crying in Gods ears; we are a kind of translated Creatures, when our hearts are elevated; we

## To the Reader.

we are pluming our  
selves with Cheru-  
bins wings, when  
we are soaring a loft  
in prayer. Let the  
Saint appear in his  
transformed visage,  
let us consecrate  
some portion of our  
lives to Meditation;  
let us have our de-  
stined hours to devo-  
tion. We are in the  
valley

To the Reader,

valley of tears; some  
of the penitents  
drops, Pilgrims  
sighs, and wayfaring  
mens groans would  
do well. Prayer car-  
rieth in it great fer-  
vour, and splendour.  
Now that this flame  
may burn, I have  
taken some coals  
from the Altar to  
kindle it; that this  
bright-

## To the Reader.

*brightness of Devotion may be resplendent, I have set before you stars in the right hand of God, casting forth their radiant beams. Here are variety of prayers from variety of men rarely qualified, singularly gifted; peruse, Prize, admire, imitate: Let face answer*

**To the Reader.**

*Swear face in water.*  
**Buy this dispensato-  
ry, and learn the me-  
dicinal art of soul-  
cure, which is the  
fervent desire of**

**Thy Christian  
Welwisher,**

**Tho. Reeve.**

**Dr. REEVE** his  
Prayer before *Sermon*.

**L**ET the words of  
my mouth, and  
the meditation of my  
heart, be now and ever  
acceptable in thy sight  
O Lord my strength  
and my Redeemer.

O most glorious  
Lord God, in thy Son  
Jesus Christ our most  
merciful and loving  
Father, we miserable  
and wretched Sinners,  
dust and ashes, worms  
and

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and no men, do here  
in all humility of soul,  
prostrate our selves  
before thy glorious  
Majesty, humbly ac-  
knowledging & con-  
fessing against our  
own souls, that we are  
a sinful Nation, a peo-  
ple laden with iniqui-  
ty, a seed of evil doers,  
that by our sins have  
defil'd our selves, de-  
fil'd our habitations,  
defil'd this good Land  
that thou hast given us  
to inherit, which now  
groans

## his Prayer. 3

groans under the burden of the Native sins, and is ready to spew out her inhabitants; O Lord, righteousness belongeth unto thee, but unto us confusion of face as it is to this day; for we have sinned against thee; our Princes, our Nobles, our Priests, even to this our People, this whole Land, we have sinned against thee, and done amiss, and dealt very wickedly,  
and

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and have added to the  
number of our fore-  
Fathers number-lesse  
transgressions ; not-  
withſtāding thou haſt  
multiplied thy bleſ-  
ſing upon us, having  
not dealt with any  
Nation as with us, ha-  
ving in many bleſ-  
ſings and prerogatives  
advanced us far above  
the people that are  
round about us; but to  
our ſhame O Lord  
we confeſſe that no  
Nation hath been ſo  
un-

## his Prayer. 5

unthankful unto thee  
as we have been; for  
in stead of bringing  
forth the Fruits of  
righteousness and ho-  
liness, we have turned  
all thy blessings, gra-  
ces and mercies into  
wantonnesse, so that  
we have been a provo-  
cation of thine anger,  
and of thy fury, from  
that day that thou  
didst plant us here a  
Christian Church, e-  
ven untill this very  
hour; there is no mer-  
cy,

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cy, no truth, nor knowledg of God in the Land, by lying, & swearing, and killing, and committing Adultery, and by many other crimes we break out, and blood toucheth blood, and though thou hast called us to the knowledge of the Faith in thee, and thou hast reveal'd unto us that inestimable treasure of thy love unto us in Jesus Christ, yet notwithstanding-

## his Prayer. 7

withstanding we have retained onely the name but nothing of the work of Christians, but have dishonoured thee in dishonouring of our holy calling; yea O Lord, by presumptuous sins committed with a high hand against thy divine Majesty, we have crucified again the Lord of Life, we have troden under foot the Son of God, we have counted the blood of  
the

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the Covenant whereby we are sanctified an unholy thing, & have done despight unto the spirit of grace; in stead of making head against those temptations and lusts that hourly beset us, by prayer calling to thee for thy grace to assist us against them, and by fasting and austere mortification, by beating down our bodies that wee might not conspire with Satan  
and

## his Prayer. 9

and our own corrup-  
tions that betray us  
unto sin; we have pam-  
perd the flesh, and suf-  
fered our selves to be  
led Captives at the  
will thereof; we have  
not subdued or mortifi-  
ed the works of the  
flesh; we have not en-  
deavoured to cleanse  
our selves from all fil-  
thinesse of Flesh and  
Spirit; we have not  
made a Covenant with  
our eyes, neither have  
we kept the door of  
C our

our lips, but as if thou  
hadst sent us into this  
world not to serv thee  
but to serve our own  
lusts, we have been  
abominable in all our  
wayes ; yea, O Lord,  
we have committed  
two great evils, we  
have departed from  
thee the ever-living  
God, and leaving the  
fountain of all blessed-  
nesse and happinesse,  
in our hearts have set  
up the creature ; we  
have set our affections  
not

## his Prayer. 11

not on things above,  
but on things below,  
the lust of the flesh,  
the lust of the eyes, the  
pride of life, these  
have been the Gods  
that we have served.

Thus have we sold  
our selves to commit  
wickedness; we have  
made all the members  
of our bodies instru-  
ments of sin, and all  
the faculties both of  
souls and bodies wea-  
pons of unrighteous-  
ness, to obey it in the  
lusts

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lusts thereof ; yea, O Lord, thou hast found iniquity even in our holy things ; we have been negligent in hearing of thy word, unprepared at the receiving of thy Sacraments, indevout in our Prayers, without fervency and zeal, weary of their length, displeased at the returns, slothful without advertency and presence of spirit in the execution of them, with  
what

## his Prayer. 13

O what wearysomnesse  
hath been unto us in  
the hearing of them.

Thus the duties  
whereby we should  
have been bettered in  
the wayes of Godli-  
ness, thus performed,  
have made us worse ;  
our very prayers have  
been turned into sin ,  
and those sacrifices  
whereby we should  
have propitiated thee,  
have removed thee  
at a further distance  
from us ; and though

C 3 thou

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thou in thy mercy and  
tender compassion  
hast opposed us in our  
sins, and called us to  
repentance, yet not-  
withstanding we have  
rushed into all manner  
of wickednesse, as the  
horse into the battell,  
and have gone from  
bad to worse; neither  
have thy judgments a-  
wak'd us, nor thy mer-  
cies won us to obedi-  
ence; we have not  
harkned to the voice  
of the Ministry, nor to  
the

his prayer. 15

the secret checks of  
our own Conscien-  
ces, nor yet to the  
good motions of thy  
holy Spirit, all teach-  
ing us, This is the way,  
walk in it, and ye  
shall find rest unto  
your souls; yet not-  
withstanding all the  
good means thou  
hast used to reclaim  
us, and to bring us  
home, we have still  
gon on in a stubborn  
course of sin, to the dis-  
honour of thy name,

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the

the wounding of  
our own souls, the  
scandal of others, and  
the increasing of that  
great and dreadful ac-  
count that we must  
one day make at the  
Judgement Seat of  
Christ ; for these, O  
Lord, and many others  
of our sins, all thy  
waves & storms have  
gone over us; thou  
hast smitten the land  
with a curse, & ming-  
led a perverie spirit in  
the midst thereof;  
we

## his Prayer. 17

we are become a Nation  
on void of counsel &  
understanding, a Na-  
tion meated out to  
destruction; thou hast  
permitted a lying spi-  
rit in the mouth of thy  
prophets who prophe-  
sy falsely, and the peo-  
ple love to have it so;  
thou hast unsheathed  
thy Sword, thy glitter-  
ing Sword, and given  
it a charge against this  
land; here thou hast  
appointed it; thou  
hast given us up into

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the hands of brutish  
men, who are skilfull  
to destroy, who have  
slain us with a rage  
that reacheth up to  
Heaven ; thou hast  
dasht us one against an  
other, the Son against  
the Father, the Subject  
against the Sovereign ;  
thou hast poured out  
upon us the fury of  
thine anger, and the  
strength of Battel :  
but yet, O Lord, that  
which is the height of  
all our sins and mi-  
series

## his Prayer. 19

series, and the great demonstration of thy wrath upon us, we are so farre from being humbled under thy heavy hand, that we are not sensible of it; thou hast kindled a fire and it burneth, yea it burneth us, and we lay it not to heart, nor consider that it is an evill thing and bitter thing that we have departed from the Lord our God, and his fear is not in us;  
[woe

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woe unto us, we have  
 pulled away the  
 shoulder, we have  
 stopt the ear that we  
 might not hear, we  
 have made our hearts  
 harder than the Ada-  
 mant, and the nether  
 Milston impregnable;  
 for all thy judgments,  
 have not peirced us,  
 nor made those im-  
 pressions of compun-  
 ction & sorrow which  
 are the end wherefore  
 thou diddest send  
 them; so that as our  
 spots

## his Prayer. 21

spots are not the spots  
of thy Children, so we  
have just reason to  
fear the judgments un-  
der which we groan  
are not the Chastise-  
ments of a loving fa-  
ther, but of an angry  
Judge; we have too  
just reason to fear  
thy Judgments under  
which we groan, they  
are not a wind to fan  
and to purge us, but a  
whirlwind to scatter  
and utterly to destroy  
us, as if the sentence  
were

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were already past and  
the decree gone forth,  
as if our dayes were at  
an end because the  
shadowes of the eve-  
ning are so far stretch-  
ed out; but yet oh Lord  
be not weary of thy  
repentings ; though  
thou hast been prest  
under the load of our  
sins, be not angry  
with us for ever, but  
In the midst of judg-  
ment remember mer-  
cy ; though the tree  
be barren , yet let  
not

## his Prayer. 23

not the decree go forth to cut it down ; let not the decree go forth , but spare us good Lord, spare thy people whom thou hast redeemed with thy most precious blood , and be not angry with us for ever ; though we have kindled a fire in thy anger, yet let it not burn to our utter destruction ; thou art a God of mercy and compassion, pardoning iniquity

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ty, transgression and  
fin, oh pass by the  
transgression of the  
remnant of thy peo-  
ple, enter not in-  
to Judgment with us,  
passe by the iniquity  
of this Land, say not  
unto this land and na-  
tion thou hast no plea-  
sure in it; but, O Lord,  
hear the prayers, look  
upon the tears, consi-  
der the sighs and the  
groans of those that  
intercede, and, O Lord  
God, grant a gracious  
return

## his Prayer. 25

return of our prayers,  
and return once more,  
we beseech thee, thy  
old returns, thy old  
mercies and thy old lo-  
ving kindnesse both  
to Church and people.

And now, O Lord,  
having powred out  
unto thee our soules  
in the humble confes-  
sion of sins under  
which we stand guilty  
before thee, we be-  
come 'humble suiters  
unto thee for grace to  
preserve us from sin  
for

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for the time to come;  
for without thy grace  
preventing us, we can-  
not but sin; visit us  
therefore, oh Lord, w<sup>th</sup>  
thy salvation, that we  
may live undefiled in  
the way of thy com-  
mandements, and see  
the felicity of thy  
chosen, and rejoyce  
and give thanks with  
thine inheritance; to  
this end send thy holy  
Spirit into our hearts,  
to teach us to deny  
ungodliness and flesh-  
ly

his prayer. 27

ly lust, that we may  
live righteously, god-  
ly and soberly in this  
present world, remem-  
bring the great ac-  
count that we are to  
make at the last day ;  
oh let it subdue every  
thought and imagina-  
tion that shall exalt  
it self against the  
Scepter of thy King-  
dome, and bring it in-  
to obedience un-  
to thee ; give us, we  
beseech thee, either  
peace from temptati-  
ons

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ons, or victory over  
them: in all assaults  
of our Ghostly Ene-  
my, let thy mighty  
hand have prehem-  
inence and bring migh-  
ty things to passe, e-  
ven victory and deli-  
verance unto thy ser-  
vants, that so by the a-  
sistance of thy Holy  
spirit we may crucifie  
the old man, mortifie  
the works of the flesh,  
subdue our corrupti-  
ons, vanquish Satan,  
and triumph over the  
powers

## his Prayer. 29

powers of the Kingdome of darkenels;  
O put thy fear into our hearts, that we may never depart from thee; put thy love into our hearts, that our lukewarmnes being raised up to the flames and fervency of Cherubims, we may love thee above all things, and loving thee above all things we may fear to offend so good and so gracious a God.

And

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And now, O Lord,  
we become humble  
suiters unto thee for  
the good estate of the  
remnant of thy holy  
Catholique Church,  
dispersed far and wide  
over the face of the  
whole Earth: more  
especially be gracious  
to that part yet left a-  
mongst us in these  
Kingdomes; as thou  
hast planted it in hu-  
mility and poverty in  
the death and passion  
of thy Sonne Jesus  
Christ,

## his Prayer. 31

Christ, so didst thou  
water it with the  
blood of thy Apostles  
and Martyrs, and she  
still continues a Lily  
among the Thorns, she  
still wears the Crown  
of Thorns, and purple  
robe, she took from  
the Head, & side of her  
dearest Lord; but yet  
O Lord, though thou  
hast made afflictions  
the portion of thy  
Children, though  
thou dost give them  
the bread of afflicti-  
ons,

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ons, makest afflictions  
their portion, feedest  
them with the bread  
of tears, and givest  
plenteously of tears  
to drink, yet in the  
midst of Judgement  
remember mercy, we  
beseech thee; deliver  
not up the soul of thy  
Turtle Dove into the  
hands of the multitude  
of her enemies, but  
hedge her about with  
thy mercies, protect  
her by a custody of  
Angels, confound her  
ene-

## his Prayer. 33

enemies; confound the  
devices of those that  
are risen up against  
her, let not heresy cor-  
rupt her doctrine, or  
Schism profane her  
worship, nor liberti-  
nism dissolve her dis-  
cipline, nor sacrilege  
invade her portiō, but  
deck her Priests, by  
what Names or Titles  
soever they be called,  
with health, then and  
then only shall her  
Saints sing with joy-  
fullness; be gracious

**D**

**we**

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we beseech thee and  
mercifull to all those  
that are any way af-  
flicted either in soul  
or body, or state, or  
all; more especially  
be gracious we be-  
seech thee to these  
thy servants who have  
recommended them-  
selves to our prayers;  
make thou their bed  
in all their sickness,  
sanctifie their afflictions  
unto them, lay no  
more upon them than  
they are able to en-  
dure,

his prayer. 35

dure; bleſs we beſeech thee all thoſe means that thou haſt appointed for their recovery, if it be thy wil reſtore them to their former health; ſpeak but the word and they ſhall be healed; if they ſhall exchange life for death, give them all grace fit for their condition, waſh them with the blood of thy Son Jeſus Chriſt, that he may be unto them both in life and death

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advantage. Lastly we  
come unto thee for  
our selves here assem-  
bled in the Courts of  
thy house to hear & re-  
ceive thy holy word;  
O Lord, it is thine  
own ordinance, there-  
fore be present with  
me that am to speak;  
thou hast ordained the  
weak things of the  
world to cōfound the  
wise; magnifie thy  
power in my weak-  
nes; thou that hast the  
key of *David*, that o-  
penest

## his Prayer. 37

penest and no man  
shuts, open my mouth  
that I may shew forth  
thy praise; open the  
hearts also of this con-  
gregation here present  
that with fear and  
trembling they may  
hear and receive thy  
holy Word; that I  
preaching, and they  
hearing, we may all  
study to express it in  
life and conversation,  
to the glorifying of  
thy name, the edifying  
of our brethren, and to

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the salvation of our  
souls, in the great and  
terrible day of the  
Lord Jesus; in whose  
name, &c.

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Dr. Gillingham his  
prayer before  
Sermon.

O Lord God whose  
power is infinite,  
and purity such that  
cannot endure the be-  
holding any thing  
that is unclean; how  
should

**Prayer. 39**

should we that are  
forlorne dust, and sin-  
full flesh, presume or  
dare to present our  
selves before thee?  
When we look on the  
vileness of our na-  
tures, and the sinful-  
ness of our lives, we  
cannot chuse but cry  
out and say, Woe unto  
us, we are undone, for  
we have been men of  
polluted lips; The ve-  
ry prayers we make to  
crave pardon for our  
sins, are stayned in the

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uttering, and must  
needs ad to our trans-  
gression, if in judg-  
ment or justice thou  
shouldest weigh or ex-  
amine them; but O  
Lord thou art a God  
of infinite compassion,  
that wouldest not the  
Death of a sinner, but  
that he be converted  
& Live; thou hast not  
only allowed us, but  
commanded us to call  
upon thee, in all our  
troubles and distress-  
es; thou hast promised  
that

*Prayer.* 41

that at what time soe-  
a sinner doth repent  
him of his sins, thou  
wilt put away all his  
iniquities out of thy  
remembrance; In obe-  
dience therefore to  
this thy command,  
and in confidence of  
this thy promise, we  
are bold at this time  
to appear before thee,  
renouncing all merit,  
and trust, and confi-  
dence and affiance in  
our selves, and relying  
only on thy mercy &c

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the Sovereign media-  
tion of our Lord and  
Saviour Jesus Christ,  
in whom only thou art  
well pleased, and  
through whom thou  
canst not be offended  
with us. O Lord hear  
thine own Son for us;  
O Lord hear thine  
own self in us, that  
blessed Spirit of thine,  
which makes interces-  
sion for us with groans  
and sighs that cannot  
be expressed. Pardon  
and forgive all our  
sins,

*Prayer.* 43

sins, both Original and Actual; of Omis-  
sion or Commission; of  
thought, word, or  
deed; of Ignorance,  
infirmity, or presump-  
tion, which we have  
at any time commit-  
ted against thee; nail  
them to the Cross of  
Christ, that they may  
never rise up in judg-  
ment against us either  
to shame us in this  
world, or condemn us  
in the world to come;  
bury them in the bot-  
tom-

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bottomless Sea of thy  
mercy and forgetfulli-  
ness, that they may  
never appear before  
thee to hinder thy fa-  
vours unto us; Seal  
the remission of them  
to our Souls and con-  
sciences, that they  
may not distract or di-  
sturb us in our devo-  
tions; and crush and  
subdue the rebellion  
of our natures, that  
they may no longer  
reign in our mortal  
bodies; and having  
clean-

*Prayer.* 45

cleansed and purified  
us from all spots and  
stains of Sin, we be-  
seech the O Lord to  
pour thy grace and  
holy Spirit into us,  
that may enable us to  
walk before thee in ho-  
liness, & in righteous-  
ness, & in sobriety all  
the dayes of our Lives.

We are members O  
Lord of that mystical  
body whereof thy Son  
Christ Jesus is the  
head, and therefore  
are sensible of the ne-  
cessi-

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cessities of the Catho-  
lick Church; we be-  
seech thee to be mer-  
cifull unto it, and to  
every member of the  
same wheresoever dis-  
persed, howsoever di-  
stressed, or by whom-  
soever despised tho-  
rowout this universal  
World; oh Lord call  
them that are yet  
strangers, and have  
not heard of thy  
name; reduce and  
bring home those that  
are gon astray & wan-  
der

**Prayer. 47**

der; raise up all that  
are fallen, and confirm  
and strengthen such  
as do stand; bind up  
all that are broken,  
and heal all that are  
bruised; unite us all  
in soundness of do-  
ctrine by the Spirit of  
Truth, in holiness of  
life by the Spirit of  
Sanctification, and in  
brotherly compassion  
& Christian affection  
by the Spirit of Love.

O Lord, we beseech  
thee to open the bow-  
els

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els of thy mercy, and  
to pour out of thy ten-  
derest compassion up-  
on all such as mourn  
in our Sion; many are  
the troubles of thy  
poor saints and ser-  
vants, and thou only  
knowest how to deli-  
ver them out of all  
their troubles; whe-  
ther therefore any be  
inwardly distressed in  
soul, mind, or consci-  
ence, or outwardly  
afflicted in body, estate  
or good name, we be-  
seech

*Prayer.* 49

beseech thee give them  
speedy ease out of  
their misery, or pati-  
ence to endure what  
thou shalt be pleased  
to lay upon them.

And more we be-  
seech thee to open the  
eyes of these thy sick  
servants who desire  
at this time to be re-  
commended to our  
prayers ; Oh thou  
that art the God of  
health, and sender of  
sickness, sanctifie this  
thy visitation unto  
them

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them; make their  
Beds in their sick-  
ness, lay no more up-  
on them than thou  
wilt give them  
strength and patience  
to bear, and if it may  
stand with thy graci-  
ous will, grant that  
they may recover  
their former health to  
do thee service here-  
after; but if thou  
that knowest what is  
best needfull for them  
hast determined at  
this time to take them  
or

**Prayer.** 51

or any of them unto  
thy self, O Lord we  
beseech thee to fit and  
prepare them for the  
hower of death; give  
them a true sense and  
feeling of their sins,  
and a lively apprehen-  
sion of thy mercy in  
Christ Jesus, that so  
surely repenting of  
the one, and cheerful-  
ly laying hold on the  
other, they may with  
confidence and com-  
fort resigne up their  
souls into the hand of  
thee

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thee their most merci-  
ful Creator and Re-  
deemer.

And lastly we come  
unto thee for our  
selves gathered toge-  
ther in the fear of thy  
holy name to hear and  
handle thy holy word;  
oh Lord thou hast or-  
dained preaching to  
be an ordinary means  
for the Salvation of  
our Souls, give a bles-  
sing therefore to this  
thine own ordinance;  
open my lips that my  
mouth

*Prayer.* 53

mouth may shew forth  
thy praise, and open  
the ears and hearts of  
this present congrega-  
tion, that with  
meek hearts and due  
reverence, they may  
hear, receive, believe,  
and practice thy holy  
word, to the glory of  
thy name, and salvati-  
on of our souls, and  
that for our Lord and  
Saviour Christ Jesus  
sake, in whose blessed  
name and words we  
conclude these our  
im-

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imperfect prayers:  
as he in his holy Gos-  
pel hath taught us,  
saying ; Our Father  
which art in Heaven  
&c.

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Prayer before  
*Sermon.*

**O** Eternal God, Fa-  
ther of our Lord  
Jesus Christ, Lord,  
and Sovereign of all  
the Creatures, we  
though most unwor-  
thy

his Prayer. 55

thy by reason of our  
great and innumera-  
ble transgressions, yet  
invited by thy essen-  
tial Goodness, and  
Commandement, do  
with all Reverence,  
and humble confi-  
dence, approach to  
the Throne of Grace,  
begging of thee for  
the passion of our  
dearest Lord, to re-  
move our sins, as far as  
the East from the  
West, and to remem-  
ber them no more, lest  
thou

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thou smite us in thy  
jealousie, and con-  
sume us in thy wrath  
& indignation, which  
we by heaps, and con-  
jugations of sin, most  
sadly have deserved  
to feel, and sink under  
to eternal ages.

For we confess ( O  
God ) to thy Glory,  
who so long hast spa-  
red us, and to our  
own . shame, who so  
long have resisted, &  
despised so glorious a  
mercy, that we are the  
vilest

## his Prayer. 57

vilest of sinners, and the worst of men, lovers of the world, and neglecters of Religion, and undervalue its interests, being passionate for trifles, and indifferent for eternal treasures; weak to serve thee in our natural powers, and not careful to imploy, and to improve the aides of the Spirit. We are proud, and envious, lustful, and intemperate, prodigal of our  
E time

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time, and covetous of money, greedy of sin, but loathing Manna the Bread that came down from Heaven. Willing we are to suffer any thing, or to do any thing, to please our senses, and to satisfy Ambition, or to purchase the world, but are neither willing to do, or suffer any contradiction for the cause of God. In prosperity, we are impudent, and proud;  
In

## his Prayer. 59

In adversity, pusillanimous and cowardly; ready to promise any thing in the day of our calamity, but when thou bringest us to comfort, we forget our duty, and do just nothing. We are full of inconsideration and carelessness, desirous to be accounted holy by men, but careless of being approved so to thee our God. In all our conversation we are uneven, soon di-

E 2 stirred

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sturbed, quickly angry, not quickly appeased; petulant, and peevish, and disordered by a whole Body of sin, and evill is our portion; we are Heirs of wrath, infirmity, and folly; shame, and death is our inheritance.

But O God, thou art our Father, gracious, and merciful; thou knowest whereof we are made, and rememberest that we are but dust.

## his Prayer. 61

dust. Be not wrath  
very sore, O Lord, nei-  
ther remember our  
iniquities for ever, for  
we are ashamed of the  
sins we have desired,  
and are confounded  
for the pleasures we  
have chosen; O make  
us penitent, and obe-  
dient, careful as the  
watches of the night,  
that we may never re-  
turn to the folly wher-  
of we are now asha-  
med, but that in holi-  
ness, and righteous-  
ness,

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ness, we may serve and please thee all our dayes, working out our salvation with fear and trembling.

O Lord, Father, and Governour of our whole life, leave us not to the sinful counsels of our own heart, and let us not any more fall by them. Set scourges over our thoughts, and the discipline of wisdom over our hearts, lest our ignorances increase, and our

## his Prayer. 63

our sins abound to our destruction, Let our Repentance be speedy, and perfect, bringing forth the fruits of a holy Conversation. Give unto us a Faith that shall never be reproved, a Hope that shall never make us ashamed, a Charity that shall never cease, a confidence in thee that shall never be discomposed, a patience that shall never faint, a noble Christian cou-

E 4 rage

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rage that shall inable  
us, in despite of all op-  
position, to confesse  
thy faith, to publish  
thy Lawes, and to sub-  
mit to thy Dispensati-  
ons, to glorifie thy  
Name by holy living,  
and dying, that in all  
changes and accidents,  
we may be thy ser-  
vants, and thou may'st  
take delight to par-  
don us, to sanctifie us,  
and to save us, that we  
may rejoyce in the  
mercies of God, in the  
day

**his prayer. 65**

day of recompences,  
at the glorious appearance of our Lord Jesus.

Bless O Lord, thy holy Catholick Church, with all blessings, and assistances of thy Spirit, and Providence: Let the daily sacrifice of Prayer, and Eucharist never cease, but for ever be presented unto thee, united to the Intercession of our Lord, and for ever prevail for the obtaining

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to call her Sons, and Daughters, grace, and blessing, pardon, and holiness, perseverance, and glory.

In particular, we humbly recommend to thy Care, and Providence, thy afflicted handmaid the Church of *England*. Thou hast humbled us for our pride, and chastised us for our want of Discipline. O forgive us all our sins, which have provoked thee to arm thy

## his Prayer. 67

thy self against us.  
Blessed God, smite us  
not with a final and  
exterminating Judge-  
ment. Call not the  
watchmen off from  
their Guards, nor the  
Angels from their  
charges; let us not dye  
by a famine of thy  
word and Sacraments;  
If thou smitest us with  
the rod of a man, thou  
canst sanctifie every  
stroak, and bring good  
out of that evill: But  
nothing can make re-  
com.

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compence to us, if thou hatest us, and sufferest our souls to perish. Unite our hearts, and tongues ; Take the Spirit of Error, and Division from us, and so order all the accidents of thy Providence, that Religion may increase, and our Devotion may be great, and popular, that Truth may be encouraged and promoted, & thy Name glorified, and thy servants

his Prayer. 69

vants instructed, and comforted, that the Spirit may rule, and all Interests may stoop, and obey, publish, and advance the Interests of the Lord Jesus.

In order to which end, we pray thee to look down in mercy upon thy servants, and where thou hast placed the Right and Supreme Authority over this Nation, give the supreme and choycest of thy blessings, health,

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health, and peace,  
strength, and victory,  
a long and a prospere-  
rous Government, a  
Portion in the King-  
dom of Grace here,  
and glory hereafter,  
through Jesus Christ  
our Lord.

Give a double por-  
tion of thy Spirit, to  
the Ministers of the  
Church, the Dispen-  
sers, and Stewards of  
the Holy things of  
God; Grant that by a  
holy life, and a true  
be.

## his Prayer. 71

belief, by well doing,  
and patient suffering,  
by diligent, & sincere  
Preaching, and assidu-  
ous Prayers, and Mini-  
steries, they may glori-  
fie thee, the great lo-  
ver of souls, and after  
a plentiful conversion  
of sinners from the er-  
rors of their way,  
they may shine like  
the Stars in Glory.

Give unto the Mi-  
nisters of Justice, the  
Spirit of government,  
and zeal, courage, and  
prudence.

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prudence. To the Nobility, wisdom, valour, and Religious magnanimity. To old men, piety, prudence, and liberality. To young men, obedience, temperance, health, and diligence. To Merchants, Justice, and faithfulness. To Mechanicks, and Artisans, Truth, and Honesty. To all married Pairs, faith, and holiness, charity, and sweet compliances. To all Christian  
stian

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stian women, the ornament of a meek, and a quiet Spirit, chastity, and charity, patience, and obedience, a zeal of Duty, and Religion. To all that are sick, and afflicted, distressed in conscience, or persecuted for it, give patience, and comfort, a perfect repentance, and a perfect resignation, a love of God, and a perseverance in duty, proportionable comfort in this life, and

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and an eternal weight  
of Glory in the great  
day of our Lord Jesus.  
Give to all Schools of  
Learning and Nurse-  
ries of Religion, peace,  
and quietness, power-  
ful, and bountiful Pa-  
trons, the blessings of  
God, and of Religion.  
To the whole Land  
fair seasons of the  
year, good Govern-  
ment, health, & plenty,  
an excellent Religion  
undivided, undistur-  
bed, through Jesus  
Christ

**Prayer. 75**

Christ our Lord.

Give unto us thy  
servants the assistance  
of thy holy Spirit;  
Grant to me to speak  
thy word piously, pru-  
dently, and with holy  
Intention. To these  
thy servants to hear it  
reverently, obedient-  
ly, and without preju-  
dice, with hearts rea-  
dy to conform to thy  
holy will & pleasure,  
that we living in thy  
love and fear, may dye  
in thy favour, and rest  
in

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in hope, and rise in  
Glory to the participa-  
tion of the blessings of  
a blisseful immortality  
through the mercies of  
God in our Lord Jesus  
Christ, our dearest Sa-  
viour, and ever-glori-  
ous, and most mighty  
Redeemer, in whose  
Name let us pray in  
the words which him-  
self commanded.

*Our Father which art  
in Heaven, &c.*

Doctor

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his Prayer after  
*Sermon.*

**A** Almighty God,  
our Glory, and  
our Hope, our Lord,  
and Master, the Father  
of Mercy, and God of  
all Comfort, we pre-  
sent to thee the Sacri-  
fice of a thankful spi-  
rit, in humble and joy-  
ful acknowledgement  
of these infinite fa-  
vours

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vours by which thou  
hast supported our  
State, enriched our  
spirit, comforted our  
sorrows, relieved our  
necessities, blessed and  
defended our persons,  
instructed our igno-  
rances, and promoted  
our eternal Interests.

We praise thy Name,  
for that portion of thy  
holy word, of which  
thou hast made us par-  
takers this day Grant  
that it may bring forth  
fruit unto thee, and  
unto

## his Prayer. 79

unto Holiness in our whole life, to the Glory of thy holy Name, to the edification of our Brethren, & the eternal Comfort of our Souls in the Day of our Lord Jesus.

Have mercy on all that desire, and all that need our Prayers. Visit them with thy mercy, and salvation. Ease the pains of the sick, support the spirits of the disconsolate, restore all that are oppressed

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pressed to their rights.  
Remember them that  
are appointed to dye,  
Give them comfort,  
perfect and accept  
their repentance, Give  
them pardon for Jesus  
Christ his sake, that in  
the glories of Eterni-  
ty they may magnifie  
thy mercy for ever,  
and ever.

Hear the Cryes of  
the Orphans, & Wid-  
dows, in their calam-  
ty, let all their sorrow  
be sanctified, and end  
in

## his Prayer. 81

in peace and holiness,  
in the glorification of  
thy Name, and the Sal-  
vation of their Souls.

Lord, pitty, and par-  
don, direct, and blesse,  
sanctifie, and save us  
all. Give Repentance  
to all that live in Sin,  
and perseverance to  
all thy Sons and Ser-  
vants, for his sake who  
is thy beloved, and the  
foundation of all our  
Hopes, our blessed  
Lord and Saviour Je-  
sus, to whom with the

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Father, and the Holy Spirit, be all honour, and Glory, Praise, and adoration, now and for evermore.

The Peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge, and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord, and the Blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, & the Holy Ghost be amongst you, and remain with you always.

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Prayer before  
*Sermon.*

**O**H thou that hea-  
rest the Prayers,  
unto thee shall all flesh  
come ; for our help  
standeth in thy name  
**O** Lord which madest  
Heaven and Earth :  
therefore we beseech  
thee let our Prayers  
come before thee as

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incense, and the lifting up of our hands as an evening sacrifice; and let the words of my mouth and the meditations of all our hearts be now and ever acceptable in thy sight, O Lord my strength and my Redeemer.

**O**H most glorious & most powerful Lord God, whose dwelling is above the Heavens in light inaccessible,

## his Prayer. 85

cessible, and thine eyes  
run to an fro to be-  
hold the things that  
are in heaven and in  
earth; neither is there  
any thing which is not  
naked and open unto  
thee; for thine eyes  
are ten thousand times  
brighter than the Sun,  
beholding all the ways  
of men; we thy most  
unworthy Creatures,  
sinful dust and ashes,  
being conscious to  
our selves of those  
many foul transgres-  
F 3 sions

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sions that we have committed against thee in the sight of Heaven, do here humbly throw our selves down before the footstool of thy divine Majesty, humbly confessing besides that original guilt contracted by the disobedience of our first Parents, and derived unto us in our mothers womb, wherein we were conceived in sin, and thence brought forth in iniquity,

## his Prayer. 87

quity, for wch as soon  
as we were born thou  
mightest have fand us  
like chaff from off  
the face of the Earth  
into the Lake that  
burns with fire and  
brimstone, yet as if  
all this had not been  
enough to undo us,  
we have ever since we  
were born so corrup-  
ted our wayes, and  
that continually, as  
if we were born to  
do nothing else but  
sin : Lord, who can  
F 4 tell

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tell how oft he offendeth ! our secret sins, our sins of incogitancy, and of ignorance, and our sins of infirmity have defiled our souls ; how much more then have we polluted them and provoked thee by sins of wilfulnesse and of malice ; by sins against the light of nature, and against the light of grace ; against thy law, and against thy Gospel ; against thy

## his Prayer. 89

thy promises, and against thy threats; against thy mercies, and against thy judgements; against our vowes of better obedience; against the reproofs of thy word, against the many motions of thy grace in our souls, and against the check of our own Consciences, by slighting thy ordinances, neglecting thy Sabbaths, dishonouring thy name, grieving

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ving thy holy Spirit,  
bringing a scandal up-  
on thy Gospel, and  
our own Christian  
profession, injuring  
our Brethren, and  
wounding our own  
consciences, by doing  
those very things  
which our own con-  
sciences have cōdem-  
ned! and how much  
more greater art thou  
O God than our con-  
sciences, that knowest  
all things, that the ve-  
ry best of our actions  
are

## his Prayer. 91

are sinful ! for when we confesse our sins, we sin in confessing of them, and act them o're again by remembering of them with too much delight, and by speaking of them with too little remorse; and when we pray that thou wouldst forgive us our sins, we sin in praying, through deadness and dulnesse, and drowfinesse of Spirit, through idle thoughts  
and

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and wandring imaginations, through unbelief and misbelief, so that even our prayers turn into sin, that when we have done praying we had need fall down upon our knees again and intreat pardon for our prayers. If thou Lord God shouldst be extreme to mark what is done amiss, Lord who were able to abide it? and yet how shall we escape it? for  
whe=

his Prayer. 93

whither shall we go  
from thy presence, or  
whither<sup>r</sup> shall wee fly  
from thy Spirit? if we  
climbe up into heaven  
thou art there; if we  
go down into hell  
thou art there also; if  
we take the wings of  
the morning & fly un-  
to the utmost parts of  
the earth, even there  
shall thy hand find us;  
if we say peradventure  
the darknesse shall  
cover us, darknesse  
is no darknesse with  
thee,

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thee, for the night and  
the day to thee are  
both alike; seeing then  
we cannot fly from  
thee, we come unto  
thee, and appeal from  
the throne of thy just-  
ice, unto thy mercy-  
seat, and beseech thee;  
Oh God the Father of  
Heaven, thou great  
Creator and preserv-  
er of man, despise not  
the work of thine  
own hands; Oh God  
the Son that camest  
into the World to  
save

his prayer. 95

save sinners, remember not our offences, neither seek thou vengeance of our sins, Lord spare us, good Lord spare thy people whom thou hast redeemed with thy most precious blood, and be not angry with us for ever; Oh God the holy Ghost that despisest not broken and contrite hearts, let it pitty thee to see these thy temples our souls and bodies thus rui-

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ruined by sin and wickedness; O holy, blessed, & glorious Trinity, three persons but one God, have mercy upon us miserable sinners; Sinners and grievous Sinners we are; teach us oh God, to grieve that we are so; give us broken and wounded spirits for all our transgressions; break these stony hearts of ours, yea take away these hearts of stone from us, and give

## his Prayer. 97

give us hearts of flesh,  
that we may tremble  
at the voice of thy  
law, and melt at the  
sight of thy judgments  
and accuse and con-  
demn our selves, and  
be ready to joyn with  
thee to do justice up-  
on our sinfull selves;  
but lest we should  
faint through the  
smart of the many  
fresh bleeding wounds  
which our sins have  
given our souls, oh  
do thou uphold us  
by

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by thy right hand, and  
pour into our wounds  
that precious Balm  
of *Gilead*, a true and  
a lively faith in the  
full satisfaction that  
thy Son hath made  
to thy justice for the  
sins of the whole  
World, and through  
his cross and Passion,  
through his most pre-  
cious death and buri-  
al, through his glori-  
ous resurrection and  
ascension we beseech  
thee be thou reconcil-  
led

## his Prayer. 99

led unto us. Lord for  
his sake pardon all  
that is past, lay none  
of our sins to our  
charge, but blot them  
all out of the book  
of thy remembrance;  
wash us, oh wash us  
thoroughly from our  
sins, and cleanse us  
from our unrighteous-  
ness in the blood of  
Jesus Christ. Lord,  
let his blood that  
speaks better things  
than that of *Abel*,  
cry louder for mercy  
in

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in thine ears than do  
our sins for vengeance;  
be-sprinkle our pol-  
luted but penitent  
souls in the blood of  
Jesus Christ, that thy  
wrath may pass over  
us, & that the light of  
thy countenance may  
shine upon us ; seal  
unto our souls the  
free pardon and for-  
giveness of all our  
sins, and say unto each  
of our souls I am thy  
salvation. Oh do thou  
by thy Spirit assure  
our

## his Prayer. 101

our spirits that we are  
thy children, and that  
thou art reconciled  
unto us in the blood  
of Jesus Christ; and to  
this end work in us a  
detestation of all our  
former wickedness;  
help us to mortify in  
us all our vile and cor-  
rupt affections; cru-  
cify in us the old man,  
the whole body of sin,  
that we may dye unto  
sin, and live unto righ-  
teousness. Without  
thee O Lord we are  
not

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not able to do any  
thing, much less any  
thing that is good;  
come therefore Oh  
thou Father of lights,  
and dispel and scat-  
ter from our souls  
the foggy mists of Sin  
and ignorance, that in  
thy light we may see  
light; come O thou  
Power of God and set  
up thy throne in our  
Souls, and sway thy  
Scepter there, and  
bring into thy sub-  
jection every high  
thought

## his Prayer. 79

thought and every  
high imagination that  
exalteth it self a-  
gainst thee: come O  
thou Wisdome of God  
and discover unto our  
Souls the folly of  
Sin, the vanity of  
the world, and the de-  
ceitfulness of our  
own hearts; teach  
us we beseech thee to  
eschew the evil, and  
to do what is good:  
come O thou Good-  
ness of God and shed  
abroad the love of  
God

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God in our hearts, that  
we may love thee our  
God above all things,  
and our neighbours  
for thy sake, yea our  
very enemies for Je-  
sus Christ his sake, and  
after his example, who  
dyed for us when we  
were yet his enemies;  
fit us with all graces  
necessary for all e-  
vents, with strength to  
resist all the tempta-  
tions of Satan, to keep  
our selves unspotted  
of the world, to sub-  
due

## his Prayer. 105

due our own passions,  
our own vile and cor-  
rupt affections, with  
patience to bear af-  
flictions, and with a  
contented resolution  
to undergo whatso-  
ever thy hand shall be  
pleased to lay upon us,  
that whether it be in  
life or in death, in  
both we may be thine.  
Neither do we pray  
for our selves alone,  
but enlarge our peti-  
tions to thee for thy  
whole Church mili-  
t

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tant here upon earth;  
Lord be favourable  
and gracious unto thy  
Sion the Church; let  
not the ungodly have  
their desire; O Lord  
let not their mischie-  
vous imaginations  
prosper, But abate the  
pride, and assuage the  
malice, and confound  
the devices of all the  
implacable malicious  
enemies of thy  
Church and people;  
and of that Universe  
look mercifully and  
com-

his Prayer. 167

compassionately we  
beseech thee, on that  
part of thy Church  
that thou hast planted  
in these sinfull Lands  
and Nations wherein  
we live: O Lord, our  
sins are increased a-  
bove measure, and our  
iniquities are gone o-  
ver our heads, nay they  
are gone up to Hea-  
ven and have pull'd  
down thy vengeance  
upon our heads; for  
thou art wrathfully  
displeased with thine  
G 2 own

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own inheritance, and  
thine anger is grown  
hot against the sheep  
of thy pasture; yet how  
long Lord wilt thou  
be angry? for ever? shall  
thy jealousie burn  
like fire? O remem-  
ber not against us the  
Sins and offences  
of our Lives past; let  
thy tender mercies  
speedily prevent us,  
for we are brought to  
great misery; help  
us, O help us, O God  
of our salvation, for  
the

## his Prayer. 109

the glory of thy name;  
O deliver us and be  
mercifull unto our  
Sins for thy names  
fake: Lord, in the  
midst of judgment re-  
member mercy; par-  
don all our crying  
Sins; reverse thy  
fearfull though just-  
ly deserved judg-  
ments, and that which  
is the most dreadfull  
of all judgements and  
continues thy judg-  
ments, hardnesse of  
heart, contempt of thy

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word

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word and commande-  
ment: restore unto us  
thy wonted though  
undeserved mercies;  
send peace again in  
our time, O God, and  
let the Gospel of  
peace and truth flou-  
rish again in our  
streets, and that conti-  
nually even untill thy  
Sons comming to  
judgment: let not thy  
scourge end in a de-  
solation, nor thy wrath  
go on to the height  
of an everlasting ru in,  
brow O but

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but O thou that takest  
no delight in the mi-  
sery of one single  
Sinner, spare mercifull  
Lord a great though  
a most fittull nati-  
on; pittie a despised  
Church and distracted  
State; heal up those  
wounds which our sins  
have made so wide  
that none but thine  
own hands can close  
them; and in the ten-  
derness of thy un-  
speakable compassi-  
on hasten, O Lord,  
G 4 ha-

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hasten, we beseech thee, to put so happy an end to these wasting divisions, that thy service may be more duely celebrated, that that authority which most represents thee which art the sole Monarch of Heaven and Earth may be most conscienciously obeyed, that the Church may be restored to a true Christian unity, and these unhappy Realms to their  
their

## his prayer. 113

their former peace;  
and that for his sake  
who is the Prince of  
peace, and that shed  
his most precious  
blood to purchase our  
peace, even Jesus  
Christ our Lord: O  
thou that art the au-  
thor of peace and lo-  
ver of concord, com-  
pose we beseech thee  
all the unhappy dif-  
ferences and divisions  
that are among us;  
take away from all  
mens hearts the spirit  
G s of

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of division and contention, the spirit of blood-thirstiness and revenge, the spirit of pride, blindness of heart, vain glory and hypocrisy, of envy, hatred, malice and all uncharitableness; and give us the Spirit of peace, unity and concord; the Spirit of moderation, the Spirit of due obedience, and above all the Spirit of thy fear, that we may at length meet  
and

## his Prayer. 115

and live in the unity  
of the Spirit, and in the  
bond of peace, and  
with one mouth  
praise thee our God;  
and as with one heart  
love one another;  
and as fellow-feeling  
members of one ano-  
thers miseries, we be-  
seech thee to succour  
all those who in this  
transitory life are af-  
flicted with any kind  
of crosse, tribulation  
or misery; those that  
suffer for the testimo-  
ny

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ny of a good cōscience,  
Lord give them pati-  
ence under all their af-  
flictions; make them  
valiant for thy truth,  
faithfull unto death,  
& even in death itself,  
if thou shouldst call  
them to so great a try-  
al, and after death give  
them a crown of eter-  
nal life; and those  
that are under any o-  
ther kind of adversity,  
Lord help the help-  
less, comfort the  
comfortless, visit the  
sick,

## his Prayer. 117

sick, relieve the oppressed, help them to right that suffer wrong, set them at liberty that are in bondage, restore the banished, and of thy great mercy in thy good time deliver all thy people *Israel* out of all their troubles; and those that are commended to our devotion, we recommend to thy fatherly protection, those whom thou hast visited upon their beds

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beds of sickness, O  
Lord look down  
from heaven, behold,  
visit, and relieve those  
thy sick servants, look  
upon them with the  
eyes of thy mercy; O  
give them sure com-  
fort and confidence in  
thee, defend them  
from the danger of  
the enemy, and keep  
them in perpetual  
peace and safety  
through Jesus Christ  
our Lord. Hear us  
Almighty and most  
mer-

## his Prayer. 119

mercifull God and  
Saviour we beseech  
thee, extend thy accu-  
stomed goodness unto  
those thy servants that  
are grieved with sick-  
ness; visit them O  
Lord as thou didst vi-  
sit *Peters* wives mo-  
ther and the Captains  
servant; so visit, and  
restore to these sick  
persons their former  
health, if it be thy gra-  
cious will, or else  
give them grace so to  
take thy visitation,  
that

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that after this pain-  
full life ended, they  
may dwell with thee  
in life everlasting .  
Lastly, O Lord, we  
return unto thee for  
a blessing upon this  
thine own ordinance,  
the handling and hear-  
ing of thy holy word ;  
thou hast promised  
that when two or  
three are gathered to-  
gether in thy name ,  
thou wouldst be in the  
midst of them , per-  
form we beseech thee  
thy

## his Prayer. 121

thy most gracious  
promise ; thou only  
hast the key of *David* ,  
that openest , and no  
man shutteth ; open  
thou my lips O Lord ,  
and my mouth shall  
shew forth thy praise ;  
open the ears and  
hearts of this thy  
people, that they may  
hear thy word atten-  
tively, keep it reten-  
tively, and practise the  
same in their lives and  
conversations with a  
care and good consci-  
ence :

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ence: let it be a lantern unto their feet and a light unto their steps; let thy grace like the morning light of the house of *David* wax stronger, and corruption weaker in all of us; quicken us by thy lively and holy Spirit, rouse up our inward man from this lethargy and sleep of sin; and as thou callest us from this hereditary habit of sluggishness, so prevent

## his Prayer. 123

vent us by thy grace,  
lest we double our dis-  
ease by the relapse  
into the spirit of  
flumber : so that I  
preaching, these hear-  
ing, all of us under-  
standing thy heavenly  
will, we may believe  
and practise the same  
in our lives and con-  
versations; and all for  
Jesus Christ the righ-  
teous sake, in whose  
blessed name & words  
we farther call upon  
thee, as he hath taught,  
am  
com-

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commanded and encouraged us in his most holy Gospel, saying, *Our Father &c.*

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**Meditationr and  
Prayers for the sick  
by D. W.**

**H**ear my prayer  
**O** Lord, which  
I make unto thee  
upon my bed of sickness:  
incline thine  
ears unto me in this  
time

## Prayers &c. 125

time of my trouble; O  
hear me, and that right  
soon.

Behold thou hast  
made my dayes as it  
were a span-long, and  
my age though it be  
great in respect of o-  
thers, yet it is no-  
thing in respect of  
thee, for verily every  
man living is altoge-  
ther vanity.

My dayes are con-  
sumed away like  
smoak, and my bones  
are burnt up, as it  
were

126 Prayers and  
were a fire-brand

There is no health  
in my flesh because  
of thy displeasure,  
neither is there any  
rest in my bones by  
reason of my sin.

My wickednesses  
are gone over my head  
and are a sore burthen  
too heavy for me to  
bear.

But I will confesse  
my wickednesse, and  
be sorry for my sin.

O Lord be mercifull  
unto me, heal my  
Soul

## Meditations. 127

Soul, for I have sinned against thee.

Call to remembrance, O Lord, thy tender mercy and thy loving kindness which hath been ever of old.

O remember not the sins of my youth, nor the offences of riper years, but according to thy mercy think thou upon me.

Cast me not away in the time of age, forsake me not now that my strength faileth me. Gce

## 126 Prayers and

Goe not farr from  
me, O God, my God  
hast thee to help me.

Thou O God hast  
taught me from my  
youth up untill now:  
Forfake me not there-  
fore in my old age,  
when I am gray-head-  
ed.

The dayes of our  
age are threescore  
years and ten; and  
though some be so  
strong that they come  
to fourscore (which  
is a mercy wherewith  
thou

## Meditations. 129

is a mercy wherewith  
thou hast crowned me  
thy unworthy Ser-  
vant ) yet is their  
strength then but la-  
bour and sorrow, so  
soon passeth it away  
and we are gone.

But, Lord, suffer me  
not to go hence in thy  
displeasure ; O suffer  
not my Sun to go  
down in thy Wrath,  
nor my dayes to be  
shut up in the dark-  
nesse of thine anger.

But as thou art pleas-  
ed

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## 130 Prayers and

ed to bring me to my grave in a full age, like as a shock of Corn cometh in his season, so let me be gathered at last like Wheat into thy Heavenly Granarie.

And let mine age be renewed as the Eagles in thy Kingdom of Glory.

Glory be to the Father, & to the Son, &c.

Lord if thou wilt, thou canst make me whole.

Thon

## Meditations. 131

Thou in whose  
Hands are the Keys of  
the Grave and the is-  
sues of life and death;

Lord if thou wilt,  
thou canst make me  
whole.

Thou in whose alone  
power it is to kill, and  
to make alive, to bring  
down to the grave,  
and to raise up again;

Lord if thou wilt,  
thou canst make me  
whole.

Thou who hadst  
compassion upon Pe-

H 2      ters

132 Prayers and

ters Wives Mother by  
recovering her out of  
a Fever ;

Lord if thou wilt,  
thou canst make me  
whole.

Thou who didst  
shew thy mercy to  
those Daughters of *A-*  
*braham*, the Woman  
that for twelve yeers  
together was diseased  
with an issue of blood,  
and another who by  
the space of eighteen  
yeers was so bowed  
together, that she  
could

## Meditations. 133

could in no wise lift  
up her self, thou  
that didst loose both  
these and many others  
from their long infir-  
mities;

Lord if thou wilt,  
thou canst make me  
whole.

Thou who didst re-  
store to life the young  
maiden that was dead,  
Lord if thou wilt thou  
canst restore me to my  
health who am an a-  
ged sinner, and a sick  
feeble Creature.

H 3      Thou

## 134 Prayers and

Thou canst mitigate my pains, and renew my strength, and lengthen my dayes.

For thou makest our beds in our sickness, and art the Lord of life, and health, and strength; even thou art the Almighty God and the Horn of my Salvation, O thou ancient of dayes.

But, Lord, as for these outward blessings, I wholly submit my self and them unto  
thy

## Meditations. 135

thy good pleasure.

If it be thy blessed will to have the dayes of my Pilgrimage prolonged upon earth, make me to live alwayes to thy glory & to my own soules comfort : as thou dost add dayes to my yeers, so do thou likewise add Repentance to my dayes:

But if thou thinkest it more expedient for me that I should dye than live, then

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## 136 Prayers and

welcome my death  
and dissolution, with-  
out which there is no  
entring into Life E-  
ternal, nor hopes of  
being with Christ:  
Welcome Jesus, who  
by thy death hast tak-  
en away the sting of  
death: Welcom that  
Cup, whereof thou  
my dear Saviour hast  
drunk before me,  
and which (even to  
the very dreggs) thou  
hast drunk off for  
me.

And

## Meditations. 137

And therefore I  
will readily take this  
Cup of death; (which  
thou hast begun unto  
me ) and Praise the  
name of the Lord. I  
will praise thy Name  
O sweet Saviour, who  
givest me with this  
Cup of Death the Cup  
of Salvation.

I will praise thy  
Name who hast born  
all our sicknesses for us,  
and all our infirmi-  
ties.

I will praise thy  
H s name

## 138 Prayers and

name who art the  
Physician of souls,  
and callest all such  
unto thee as are weary  
and heavy laden, that  
thou mayst refresh  
them.

Amongst which  
great number, behold  
me O Lord, thy poor  
and aged, thy sick and  
weak servant; weary in  
my bones, and laden  
with my sins.

But Lord I come un-  
to thee in obedience  
to thy call; and of  
those

## Meditations. 139

those that come unto thee thou castest none out. Lord, I come unto thee for Ease and Refreshing.

O my Beloved Saviour Jesus, in the midst of the weariness of my body, in the midst of the load and burden of my sins, in the midst of the sorrowes which are in my heart, O let thy Comforts and Consolations refresh my Soul.

And

## 140 Prayers and

And when the  
snares of Death com-  
passe me round about,  
let not the pains of  
hell take hold upon  
me. But by all the  
Merits of thy Nati-  
vity, Death, Resur-  
rection and Ascension,  
I beseech thee to seal  
unto me (in thine own  
precious blood, and  
by thy most holy Spi-  
rit) the full pardon  
of all my sins, and to  
admit me who am  
thy own Purchase to  
a

Thanksgiving. 141

a Participation of thy  
Glory.

Amen.

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A thanksgiving for  
ease in sickness, or  
recovery out it.

**B**lessed be thy  
name, O Lord, for  
blessing the means  
which are applyed unto  
me.

It is thy hand, and  
the help of thy mer-  
cy that thou hast re-  
lieved me. The

## 142 Thanksgiving.

The waters of affliction had long since drowned me, and the stream of death had gone over my Soul, if the Spirit of the Lord had not moved upon these waters, and led me forth besides the waters of Comfort. O spread, O most gracious God, as thou hast, thy hand upon me for a Covering; and also enlarge my heart with thanksgivings or thankfullnesse, and fill  
my

## Thanksgiving 143

my mouth with thy  
praise.

Praise the Lord, O  
my Soul, and all that  
is within me praise  
his holy name, who  
hath saved thy life  
from destruction, and  
crowned thee with  
mercy and loving  
kindness.

Grant Lord that  
what thou hast sown  
in mercy, may spring  
up in duty.

Let my duty and  
returns to thee be so  
great

**144 Thanksgiving.**  
great as my needs of  
mercy are.

O let thy grace so  
strengthen my purpo-  
ses, that I may sin no  
more, lest thy threat-  
ning return upon me  
in anger; and thy  
anger break me in  
pieces. What am I O  
Lord? what is the  
life and what are the  
capacities of thy ser-  
vant, that thou  
shouldest do thus un-  
to me?

Prayſed be the Lord  
daily,

**Thanksgiving. 145**

daily, even the Lord  
that helpeth us, and  
poureth his benefits  
upon us.

He is our God, even  
the God from whom  
cometh salvation; God  
is the Lord by whom  
we escape death.

In the midst of the  
sorrowes which were  
in my heart, thy com-  
forts O Lord have re-  
freshed my Soul.

It is thou O Lord  
who hast made my  
flesh and my bones to  
rejoyce. Be-

## 146 Thanksgiving.

Behold, happy is the man whom God correcteth; therefore despise not the chastising of the Almighty.

For he maketh sore and bindeth up; he woundeth & his hands make whole.

In the midst of judgment he remembreth mercy.

Lord, thou hast lifted up the light of thy Countenance upon me.

Yea Lord thou hast

## Thanksgiving. 147

hast put gladness into  
my heart; O, be thou  
graciously pleased to  
put thankfullnesse  
therto.

I will lay me down  
in peace, and take my  
rest, for it is thou  
Lord only which  
makest me dwell in  
safety.

O Lord, I give thee  
humble and hearty  
thanks for thy great  
and almost miracu-  
lous bringing me back  
from the bottom of  
my

# 148 Thanksgiving.

my Grave; What thou  
hast farther for me to  
do or suffer, thou a-  
lone knowest.

Lord give me pati-  
ence and courage, and  
all Christian Resolu-  
tion to do thee service  
and grace to do it,  
and let me not live  
longer than to honour  
thee through Jesus  
Christ, Amen.

Lord I have been  
sick and feeble, and  
thou hast recovered  
my strength; I am ve-  
ry

g. Thanksgiving. 149

ou ry aged and greatly  
to stricken in years, yet  
a thou art still pleased  
to add unto my days;  
ri Sanctify therefore  
id good Lord the re-  
r- mainder of my life,  
ce and sweeten unto me  
, the approaches of my  
c Death. Amen.

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Dr. *Griffith* his  
Prayer before  
Sermon.

**O**H Eternal, most  
gracious, & mer-  
cifull Father, we are  
here

## 150 his Prayer:

here come into thy  
house, with confi-  
dence, seeing that our  
consciencs tell us,  
we have broke all thy  
Commandements, and  
as we have finned in  
thoughts and words,  
in thoughts more than  
we can think, and in  
words more than we  
are able to exprefs; for  
the number of them,  
that we have scarce  
room for any more;  
now we are impure,  
but thou of purer eyes  
than

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than to behold iniquity, therefore if thou shouldst enter into judgement with us, there is not one of a thousand able to stand before thee; we confess there is but one way, to fly from thee as an angry God, but to fly to thee as a reconciled Father, reconciled in the blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, to fly from the strict barr of Judgment, to thy tender bowels of compassion

## 152 his Prayer.

sion, not according to  
our merits, but ac-  
cording to our neces-  
sities, so we hum-  
bly beseech thee par-  
don all our sins past,  
and strengthen us a-  
gainst all sin for the  
time to come, and to  
this end we beseech  
thee awaken our dead  
consciencs, confirm  
our Judgments, en-  
lighten our understan-  
dings, conform our  
wills, reform our  
lives, enflame our  
zeal

## his Prayer. 153

zeal, confirm our faith,  
and that from hence-  
forth we may live un-  
to thee, and serve thee,  
Lord give us repen-  
tance not to be repen-  
ted of, and that hope  
which will not make  
us ashamed, and that  
peace of conscience  
which passeth all un-  
derstanding; give us  
the world, but that  
world which passeth  
knowledg, give faith,  
but that faith which is  
in Christ, and that wis-  
dom

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dome which leads us  
to understanding; give  
us these, and all other  
we beg of thee, for of  
our selves we are not  
able to think a good  
thought, and so for  
thy former favours, we  
are altogether unwor-  
thy of the least of thy  
mercies, in the behalf  
of thy holy Catholick  
Church, do good to  
*Sion*, build up the  
walls of *Jerusalem*, do  
good in the place  
where we live, and we  
pray

## his Prayer. 155

pray thee send in all  
places painfull labou-  
rers into thy vineyard;  
these things, and what-  
ever else thou know-  
est to be expedient for  
us, we beg at thy mer-  
cifull hands, not for  
our own merits, but  
in whose blessed name  
we conclude as he  
himself hath taught  
us, saying, *Our Father  
which art, &c.*

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Mr. T. F. his  
Prayer.

**L** Et the Words of  
my mouth, and  
the thoughts of all  
our hearts be now and  
ever acceptable in thy  
sight, O Lord our  
strength and our Re-  
deemer.

**O** Eternal Lord  
God, infinite in  
thy greatnesse, incom-  
prehensible in thy  
glory,

## his Prayer. 157

glory, whose pure and  
just Eyes cannot be-  
hold either sin or sin-  
ners with the least  
look of approbation;  
be not offended with  
thy servants; it will be  
little comfort for us  
in these glorious at-  
tributes; we come to  
them that may tender  
most consolation to  
us: Oh Lord God,  
who in Christ Jesus art  
mercifull and a re-  
conciled Father to all  
such sinners as sin-

I 3 cerely

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cerely from their  
Souls desire and en-  
deavour to repent and  
believe; thy provi-  
dence hath brought  
us unto this place to  
offer unto thy Ma-  
jesty our evening sa-  
crifice of prayer and  
thanksgiving, and to  
be made partakers of  
a portion of thy most  
holy Word; truly  
Lord we have just  
cause to fear lest  
our prayers, instead of  
that blessing we now  
desire

## his Prayer. 159

desire, draw down  
that curse which they  
deserve upon us; we  
have inflamed the cor-  
ruptions of our na-  
tures with the mani-  
fold rebellions of our  
lives, which have been  
nothing else but one  
constant breach of  
thy ten commande-  
ments; true Lord, the  
law in our minds, our  
spirit, our new crea-  
ture, our regenerate  
half, our light, clear-  
ly knows and chear-

I 4 fully

160 Mr. T. F.

fully acknowledges all  
and every one of thy  
commandements for  
pure, and just, and ho-  
ly; but the law in our  
members, our dark-  
nesse, our flesh, our  
old Creature breaks  
them daily in thought,  
word, and deed; we  
all of us have been  
foul and filthy Idola-  
ters, erecting the Idols  
of our own profit  
and pleasure in the  
Chapels and Clo-  
sets of our hearts, and  
then

## his Prayer. 161

then and there have  
fallen down upon the  
bended knees of our  
Souls, and worshipt  
them, by regarding  
our lust more than  
the fulfilling of thy  
will in thy word; that  
sacred name of thine  
whereby we hope to  
be saved, we have ta-  
ken in vain; we have  
done that on thy day,  
the Lords day, which  
we can justifie or  
avouch on no day; we  
have not given that

162 Mr. T. F.

reverence and respect  
to our Superiors pla-  
ced over us which  
thou requirest at our  
hands; we have brok-  
en all the commande-  
ments of the second  
Table in our demea-  
nour towards our  
neighbours, and in  
our deportment to  
our own Souls and  
bodies; and here  
Lord we are ashamed  
to confesse the mani-  
fold circumstances of  
our sins in the pre-  
sence

## his Prayer. 163

sence and hearing of  
man, who vile, bold  
wretches were no  
whit ashamed or a-  
fraid to commit them  
when we knew full  
well that the high  
God of Heaven and  
Earth did at that in-  
stant behold us; now  
lend us of thy Spirit  
effectually to admire  
at thy patience and  
long suffering towards  
us, who permits such  
prophane and pre-  
sumptuous sinners at  
this

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this hour of our lives  
still to remain from  
Hell fire ; surely  
Lord there are many  
in that pit of perdition,  
whose sins against  
thee were never ag-  
gravated with those  
high circumstances ;  
O Lord, we have no  
variety of reasons to  
move thee to mercy,  
we have no exchange  
of motives to per-  
swade thee to pity ;  
but only the same o-  
ver and over again ,  
for

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for thy own sake, for  
thy names sake, for  
thy mercies sake, for  
thy Son and our Sa-  
viour Christ Jesus his  
sake forgive our sins,  
for they are great;  
wash the guilt & filth  
of our sins away in his  
blood; and Lord for  
the time to come give  
us grace to spend the  
remainder of our  
dayes in our several  
Callings to thy glory;  
Lord grant that we  
may not only labour  
to

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to have our sins pardoned to us, but also strive to have so much favour with thee, that before our deaths we may have our sins forgiveness assured; for our comfort, grant Lord that we may be take our selves to do the one thing necessary; let us not have our Oyl to buy when we should have it to burn; teach us O Lord that sicknesse is a time not to do but to

his prayer. 167

to suffer; and gracious Lord grant that our work being done, and the books crost in the times of our healths, we may be comforted when we come to dye, and to resigne our Souls into the hands of a faithfull Creator and gracious redeemer. Blesse us with thy whole Church scattered far and wide over the face of the whole Earth; Lord, what particulars  
to

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to pray for, we know  
not, we dare not, we  
humbly tender a  
blank into the hands  
of an almighty God;  
write therein. Lord  
what thou wilt, when  
thou wilt, where thou  
wilt, by whom thou  
wilt, only in thine  
own time work out  
thine own honour and  
glory; in the mean  
time give us faith to  
believe it, patience to  
expect, diligence to  
observe, and zeal to  
pray

## his Prayer. 169

pray fervently for it ;  
to this end bleſſe all  
those whom thine  
own ſelf in lawfull  
authority haſt placed  
over us, by what name  
or title ſoever known  
unto us; bleſſe their  
counſels & conſulta-  
tions, and make them  
under thy ſelf the  
happy instruments of  
the good of this Na-  
tion. Be preſent with  
us and Preſident a-  
mongſt us, at this  
time in the hearing  
and

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and handling of thy  
holy Word ; Lord  
let not the manifold  
corruptions and the  
more imperfections of  
thy servant hinder the  
operatiō of thy word,  
but give me to speak  
it plainly to every ca-  
pacity, methodically  
to every member, ef-  
fectually to every con-  
science that shall be  
here present, so that  
it may sink in all our  
hearts, and bring  
forth fruit in the a-  
mend-

## his Prayer. 171

mendment of all our  
our lives and con-  
versations. This, and  
what else thy wis-  
dome sees fitter for us  
than we can aske or  
desire, we beg at  
thy hands in the name  
and mediation of Je-  
sus Christ. *Our Father*  
*&c.*

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prayer before  
Sermon.

**M**ost glorious,  
most mighty,  
most holy and ever-li-  
ving Lord God, and in  
thy Son Jesus Christ,  
our gracious, merci-  
full, and ever-loving  
Father, who art the  
God in whom we live,  
and move, and have  
our being, who art  
good, and doest good,  
we

## his Prayer. 173

we thy unworthy servants, and sinfull creatures, dust and ashes, are imboldned to appear before thee upon this thy day, humbly beseeching thee, for the Lord Jesus Christ his sake, that thou wouldst be pleased to accept of this our morning sacrifice of Prayer, & praises: O Lord we come not here before thee to excuse or justifie our selves, but to accuse & condemn,  
and

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and judge our selves  
worthy of the rewards  
of Sin.

O Lord, we do acknowledge that we are miserably sinfull, sinfull in our conceptions, sinfull in our births, and have been sinfull through the whole course of our lives, and have so lived ever since we came into this world, as if we had been born for no other end but to sin against thee. O Lord  
we

## his Prayer. 175

we do confesse that  
we have made not on-  
ly the faculties of our  
souls, but also the  
members of our bo-  
dies, instruments of  
sin, and weapons of  
unrighteousnesse; our  
understandings are  
darkned, our wills are  
perverse, our affecti-  
ons are disordered, our  
hearts are hardned,  
our consciences are  
feared, and our bodies  
which should have  
been the Temples of  
the

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the holy Ghost, are become the cages of unclean birds, and the sinks of all filthiness; our eyes are become the windows of vanity, our tongues the trumpets of iniquity, our hands the instruments of mischief, and our feet which should have been like *Dauids* feet, swift to run the paths of thy commandments, have been too too forward to run that broad way that lead-

## his Prayer. 177

leadeth to the Chambers of death; so that from the Crown of the head, to the soal of the foot, there is no soundnesse in us, but wounds, and bruises, and putrifying soars: O Lord, we have committed two great evils; we have forsaken thee, the fountain of living waters, & have digg'd unto our selves cisterns, broken cisterns that will hold  
K no

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no water. O Lord, we have broken not one, but all thy holy Laws, from the first unto the last, from the greatest unto the least of them, both by omitting of the good duties which we ought to have done, & by committing the evil things which we ought not to have done. O Lord we have sinned against all the means of grace, against thy Word, against thy  
Sa-

## his Prayer. 179

Sacraments, against  
thy Christ, against thy  
Spirit; we have sin-  
ned against all the  
times of grace, not  
only in dayes of child-  
hood and infancy,  
but in times of riper  
years, not only in  
dayes of ignorance  
when we knew thee  
not, but in the clear  
Sun-shine of the Go-  
spel, since thy Word  
and thy will hath  
been so clearly revea-  
led unto us; and that

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not out of weaknesse,  
and infirmity, but  
presumptuously, and  
maliciously, against  
thee we have sinned,  
against all thy works,  
the work of Creation,  
by defacing thine I-  
mage in us, the work  
of preservation, by di-  
strusting thy Provi-  
dence, the work of Re-  
demption, through un-  
belief and infidelity.

O Lord we have sin-  
ned against all thy ho-  
ly Attributes, sinned  
against

## his Prayer. 181

against thy Truth by  
our lying, sinned a-  
gainst thy Holinesse  
by our uncleannesse ;  
we have provoked thy  
Justice, presumed too  
much upon thy mer-  
cy ; we have abused  
thy providence , and  
Long-suffering to-  
wards us ; we have sin-  
ned against thy mer-  
cies , which should  
have allured us to Re-  
pentance ; *We have sin-  
ned under mercies, we  
have like rebellious* If-

K 3      rael.

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rael, provoked thee at  
the Red Sea, when thou  
hast been heaping mer-  
cies and blessings upon  
our heads ; we have  
not only sinned a-  
gainst mercies, but we  
have sinned against  
thy Judgments which  
should have inforced  
us to obedience ; not-  
withstanding , thy  
judgements still are,  
and have been in our  
Land, yet for all this  
we have not learned  
righteousnesse , we  
have

## his Prayer. i8

have not turned unto thee our God that smitest us for our profit, for our amendment, but we have blessed our selves in our wicked waies, saying, we shall have peace, peace, though we still walk after the stubbornnesse of our hearts, adding one sin unto another: so that no means, no mercies, no promises, no blessings, no threatenings, no judgements

K 4 have

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have prevailed with us  
to work us to a con-  
formity to thy holy &  
blessed will; if thou  
Lord shouldst en-  
ter into a severe or  
strict account with us,  
we were not able to  
answer thee one of a  
thousand, but here's  
our comfort, that thou  
hast revealed thy self  
to the Sons of men to  
be a God gracious,  
mercifull, slow to an-  
ger, abundant in good-  
nesse, not willing the  
death

## his Prayer. 185

death of a sinner, but rather that he should turn from his evil wayes and live ; Oh Lord we beseech thee to look upon us, not in justice, but in mercy ; not as we are in ourselves vile by nature, and worse by practice ; but look upon us in the face of thy beloved Son Jesus Christ, who now sitteth at thy right hand to intercede for poor sinners ; O let the

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precious blood of Je-  
sus Christ which spea-  
keth better things for  
us than the blood of  
*Abel* purify us; cleanse  
us from all our trans-  
gressions, in the pure  
laver of his blood;  
Lord wash our Souls,  
wash them from the  
guilt of sin, and from  
the filth of sin, and  
from the power of  
sin, and from the pe-  
nalty of sin; Lord  
thou hast promised  
that whatsoever we  
ask

## his Prayer. 187

ask in his name thou  
wilt give it us; it is in  
his name O Lord we  
beg at this time the  
free pardon and full  
forgivenesse of all our  
sins; though our sins  
are many and great,  
we know Oh Lord thy  
mercies are more;  
though our sins be like  
the sins of *Niniveh*  
crying up to Heaven  
this day for vengeance,  
yet we know oh Lord  
thy mercies are above  
the Heavens; though  
our

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our sins are as red as  
Scarlet, thou canst  
make them as white  
as Snow; thou art a-  
ble to do for us above  
all that we can speak  
or think; blessed fa-  
ther, we beseech thee  
to magnifie the riches  
of thy grace and mer-  
cy to us in the pardo-  
ning and forgiving  
our manifold sins and  
transgressions; the  
greater our sins and  
our miseries are, the  
greater will thy glory  
and

## his Prayer 189

and thy mercy be in  
the pardoning & for-  
giving of such sins  
and of such sinners;  
neither do we beg thy  
mercy only for pardo-  
ning of our sins past,  
but thy grace also for  
the amendment of our  
lives for the time to  
come; O Lord work  
in us all those graces  
which thou seeest wan-  
ting in us, and be  
pleased to continue  
and increase and per-  
fect all those graces  
which

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which thou hast already begun in us ;  
Lord if thou wilt thou canst make us clean ; cleanse us we beseech thee from all filthinesse both of flesh and spirit, that we may perfect holiness in the fear of God ; sanctifie us throughout with thy holy Spirit both in Soul and Spirit, and body, that we may sanctifie thy holy name in righteousness

## his Prayer. 191

nesse and true holiness all the dayes of our lives; teach us we pray thee to walk circumspectly, redeeming the time, even because the dayes are evil; and let grace we beseech thee teach us all to deny all ungodlinesse and worldly lusts, and to live soberly and righteously, and godly in this present world; and Lord we beseech thee to sanctifie every crosse  
and

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and every affliction to  
us, that we may be  
better'd by it, that we  
may profit under it;  
Lord grant that these  
light and momentany  
afflictions that are here  
but for a time, may  
cause to us an exceed-  
ing and an Eternal  
weight of glory in the  
highest Heavens ;  
make us we beseech  
thee more and more  
mindfull of our latter  
end, of the day of  
judgement, and of  
that

## his Prayer. 193

that strict account we  
must all one day there  
give; minde us we  
pray thee of the hour  
of our death, and of  
the time of our disso-  
lution; Oh that we  
were but wise to con-  
sider our latter end ,  
that we might never  
do amisse; and grant  
good God that as we  
do increase in days,  
we may increase in  
graces; and the neerer  
we draw unto our end  
unto our home, unto  
our

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our Grave, the neerer  
we may draw to holi-  
nesse, to happinesse,  
that our last dayes  
may be our best dayes,  
our last words our best  
words, and our last  
workes our best  
workes; that at the  
end of our dayes we  
may all attain un-  
to the end of our  
hopes, even the salva-  
tion of our most dear  
and precious Souls.  
With us Lord we be-  
seech thee blesse thy  
whole

## his Prayer. i 95

whole Church and  
People all the world  
over; call home thy  
antient people of the  
*Jews*; bring in the ful-  
nesse of the *Gentiles*,  
that they may be all  
one sheep-fold under  
one Shepheard. [Pitty  
poor distressed *Ireland*,  
which hath been  
made a *Golgotha*, a  
place of Skuls, and an  
*Aceldama*, a field of  
blood; and Lord we  
beseech thee, look  
with the eye of tender  
pit.

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pitty and compassion  
upon this divided  
and distracted Nation  
wherin we live; O that  
thou wouldst be plea-  
sed now at last to heal  
the many soars, and  
breaches thereof, for  
it shaketh, O do good  
in thy good pleasure,  
to this our *Sion*, build  
up the walls, make up  
the breaches of this  
our distressed and di-  
stracted *Jerusalem* ;  
teach us all O Lord, at  
least in this our day, to  
know

## his Prayer. 200

know things that belong to our peace, before they come to be hid from our eyes; O that there were such a heart in us that we might fear thee, and keep thy commandments alwaies, that it might go well with us, and our children evermore.

O be not wrath with us very sore O Lord, neither remember iniquity for ever; Lord if it be thy gracious

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cious will and pleasure, grant once more peace and truth in our dayes. Lord, we beseech thee to blesse all those for whom we are bound to pray, and all those that do desire our prayers, and all those that do pray for us; Lord, we beseech thee hear them for us, and hear us for them, and hear the Lord Jesus Christ for us all, and be pleased to give both them and  
us

## his Prayer. 203

us all needfull graces  
for this and for a bet-  
ter life; and O thou  
which art the father  
of mercies, and the  
God of all consolati-  
on, comfort we pray  
thee all those that are  
comfortlesse, all that  
are afflicted in Soul, or  
in body, or in both;  
all that are afflicted in  
conscience, or afflict-  
ed for conscience, all  
that mourn in *Sion*,  
that suffer persecuti-  
on, or imprisonment,  
or

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or banishment for thy truth, and the testimony of a good conscience; Lord speak peace unto their Souls, supply all their wants suport them in all, their tryalls, and in thy due time give them a gracious deliverance, which may make most for thy glory, and for their eternal good and comfort.

Now O Lord we beseech thee to bow the  
the

## his Prayer. 203

the heavens and look  
down with the eye of  
pitty and compassion  
upon these servants of  
thine which desire  
our prayers at this  
time; speak peace to  
their conscience, say  
unto their Souls, that  
thou wilt be their e-  
verlasting salvation.  
O Lord thou knowest  
their several wants &  
necessities, draw near  
unto them, according  
to the desires of their  
hearts; for those that  
L are

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are sick and weak in  
body, make thou  
their beds in all the  
time of their sicknesse,  
be thou a Physician  
both to their Souls  
and bodies, heal their  
Souls of their sins, and  
their bodies of their  
distempers; sanctifie  
the sicknesse of their  
bodies to the good of  
their Souls; and bless  
all good means that  
have or shall be used,  
for their recovery,  
that they may live to  
praise

his Prayer. 205

praise thee in the midst of the congregation; but if otherwise thou hast determined of them, or any of them, Lord fit them for thine own self, and prepare them for the Kingdome of thy dear Son, that whether they live, they may live to thee, or whether they dy, they may dye in thee, so that living or dying they may be thine, and that both in life and

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death Christ Jesus  
may be to them an  
advantage.

Lastly, O Lord we  
return unto thee for  
a blessing for our  
selves here met toge-  
ther; O Lord, be pre-  
sent both with spea-  
ker and hearer, blesse  
me O Lord that am to  
speak; blesse these  
thy people that are to  
hear; open unto me  
the door of utterance  
that I may deliver thy  
word plainly, power-  
fully,

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fully, and profitably ;  
open we pray thee not  
only the ears, but  
the hearts of this thy  
people, that they may  
receive the word, not  
as the word of sinfull  
men, but as the word  
of thee the ever-li-  
ving God, which is a-  
ble to save their Souls;  
grant good God that  
they may hear it at-  
tentively, conceive it  
readily, apply it wise-  
ly, lay it up in their  
memories faithfully ,

L 3            me.

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ditate & practise it in  
their lives & conversations  
conscionably, so  
that it may prove to  
none of us the favor of  
death unto death, but  
unto every Soul here  
present the favor of  
life unto life, that  
hereby our under-  
standings may be in-  
lightened, our hearts  
purified, our consci-  
ences pacified, our  
sinfull lives reformed,  
and our precious Souls  
eternally saved at the  
day

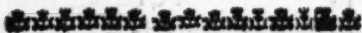
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day of the Lord Jesus.  
These and all other  
needfull mercies, we  
beg at thy hands, for  
the sake and worthi-  
ness of Jesus Christ,  
the righteous, the Son  
of thy love, in whom  
thou art well pleased,  
in whose name and  
words we call upon  
thee. *Our Father, &c.*

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Prayer.

**O** Lord God, who  
art the wise di-  
poser of all things,  
both spiritual and  
temporal, who livest  
in that light unto  
which no mortal eye  
can approach, and yet  
humblest thy self so  
far as to behold us  
thine unworthy ser-  
vants

## his Prayer. 211

vants; more especially thou hast engaged thy self by promise, to draw nigh unto, to dwell with, and to be in the midst of thy poor people, when in sincerity of heart they shall appear before thee.

We therefore the unworthiest of all thy Saints, sinfull dust and ashes, worms and no men, do here in all humility prostrate our selves before thee,

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desirous to have our thoughts and meditations fixed upon thine omnipresence, which beholdest us, and all within us, even the intentions and dispositions of our hearts in these holy services; as also with a confidence of thy gracious presence, whereby it is that thou art in the midst of us to assist & enable us.

Lord, we confesse  
that we are unworthy  
to

## his Prayer. 213

to come before thee, to  
draw nigh unto thee,  
or to receive any fa-  
vour from thee, and  
that because of the re-  
bellion of our natures;  
we have all just cause  
to cry out with the  
Leaper, we are un-  
clean, we are unclean,  
unclean by original  
corruption, which like  
a Leaprofie hath over-  
spread all the powers  
and faculties of our  
Souls, unclean by  
those numberlesse  
num-

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number of actual transgressions, which throughout the whole course of our lives we have committed against thee; O Lord, what have our whole lives been, but a violation of thy just and righteous Laws, and a neglecting of that good which hath been offered unto us? committing much evill who might have received much good, sinning in much presumption.

## his Prayer. 215

sumption against thee  
in thy nature, in thy  
attributes, in thy name,  
in thy word, in thy  
worship; against one  
another in all those  
relations wherein thou  
hast put us: yea Lord,  
our sins have not only  
been multiplied, but  
aggravated by these cir-  
cumstances of know-  
ledge, of love, of mer-  
cy, and of judgement;  
they have been sins of  
a crimson dye, because  
too often committed

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against convictions of  
conscience, notwith-  
standing the motions  
of thy Spirit, against  
the truth of thy word,  
against the woing of  
thy love, against the  
stroaks of thy wrath,  
still hardning our  
hearts in disobedience  
and rebellion against  
thee; yea O Lord  
(which makes our sins  
beyond measure sin-  
full) we have shut our  
eyes against the glori-  
ous light of thy Go-  
spel,

## his Prayer. 217

spel, we have cast behind our backs thy precious promises, we have trampled under our feet the blood of thy holy covenant, and have counted it an unholy thing.

In truth Lord, we come before thee day by day, as though we were desirous to be instructed, that we might be saved, we come to hear thy word in formality, and present our selves in  
hy.

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hypocrisie, but our hearts are farr from thee, which might justly cause thee to take our prayers and confessions, our hearing and our best duties, and for ever cast them and us out of thy presence, because of that deadnesse, coldnesse, and dulnesse which is daily present with us in the performance of them: all our righteousness and our best works being as filthy raggs

## his Prayer. 219

raggs and no way able  
to cover us from the  
wrath of God.

We come there-  
fore into thy presence  
at this time disclaim-  
ing our own righte-  
ousnesse, & abhorring  
our selves for all our  
former wickednesse.  
And only in the  
name, for the merit,  
and through the me-  
diation of our dear  
redeemer Christ Jesus  
the righteous, are we  
bold yet to implore  
thy

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thy mercy, to seek  
thy face, to sue out a  
pardon from the guilt  
of our iniquity, to de-  
fire thee to be reconcil-  
led unto us, & to be  
welp-leased with us;  
O Lord, do thou for-  
get our sins, but let us  
remember them; do  
thou cast them behind  
thy back, but let us  
have them alwaies  
before our faces; we  
must confesse O Lord  
that thou maist glori-  
fie thy self in our  
con-

## his Prayer. 221

confusion, and we must needs acknowledge that in the severest of thy dispensations thou art righteous; But let our God rather glorifie himself in the remission of our sins, in the converting of our natures, and salvation of our Souls: O thou father of mercy, have mercy upon us, and let all our iniquities be cast into the Sea, even into the red Sea of our Saviours

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ours blood, that so  
they may never rise  
up in judgement a-  
gainst us. O thou God  
of all grace, send  
down the Spirit of  
grace into our hearts,  
that may sanctifie us  
to thy service; humble  
us for our sin past, and  
establissh us against sin  
for the time to come.  
Yea Lord, let us eve-  
ry day grow in grace,  
that the house of *Saul*  
may grow weaker and  
weaker, and the House  
of

## his Prayer. 223

of *David* stronger and  
stronger. O give us  
special assistance a-  
gainst our bosome  
sins; let them that  
have been the objects  
of our greatest love  
become the subjects  
of our deadliest ha-  
tred; let them that  
have been sweetest in  
committing, be bitter-  
est in remembring;  
open our eyes that we  
may see our sins, and  
in seeing of them let  
us beware of them,  
and

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and in being aware of them, let us mourn for them, and in mourning for them, let us loath them, and in loathing of them, let us leave them, and in leaving of them, let us strive against them, and in striving against them grant that thorough thy grace, we may have the victory over them.

Lord cleanse us from secret sins, and keep us that pre-  
sump-

## his Prayer. 225

sumptuous sins may never have dominion over us; preserve us from Atheism and backsliding; let not that unclean spirit after he seems to be gone from us return again into any of us we humbly pray thee.

O put thy fear into our hearts that we may never depart from thee, and do thou never leave us, that so we may walk  
on

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on from strength to strength in this valley of tears, untill we appear before thee our God; give us a sanctified use of all thy dispensations towards us, that sickness and health, crosses and mercies may serve as so many steps in that ladder that may carry us to Heaven; minde us of our latter end; O teach us so to live, that we may not fear to dye, that when we die  
we

## his Prayer. 229

we may be sure to live.

With us extend thy compassion to thy whole Church ; do good in thy good pleasure to *Sion*, and build up the walls of thy *Jerusalem* ; that which thy right hand hath planted, let it be by thee preserved ; O pittie the desolations of thy Church in these parts ; do thou awake, put on strength in this generation, be  
M zealous

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zealous for the glory  
of thy name, the pow-  
er of thy Gospel,  
the purity of thy  
truth ; In thine own  
time, for thine own  
sake, by thine own  
means, do great things  
for us ; plead the cause  
of the Widow and  
the fatherlesse, let the  
sighings of the op-  
pressed come before  
thee, supply all the ne-  
cessities of all thy ser-  
vants, give them beau-  
ty for ashes, and the  
Oyl

## his Prayer. 231

Oyl of gladnesse for  
the spirit of heaviness;  
be gracious to all that  
are any way distressed,  
heal diseased bodies,  
settle distracted minds,  
ease troubled consci-  
ences, confirm weak  
judgements, save lost  
souls ; we pray thee  
look upon those who  
have now desired our  
prayers, make all their  
beds in their sicknes-  
ses; and if it stand with  
thy gracious pleasure,  
restore them to their  
M 2 former

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former health again,  
and sanctifie all law-  
ful means for that  
end; but if otherwise  
thou hast appointed  
for them, sanctifie  
them by visitation un-  
to them; bind up their  
souls in the bundle of  
life, humble them for  
their sins, wean them  
from the world, let  
the sicknesse of their  
bodies be the health  
of their souls, that  
whether they live, or  
whether they dye,  
Christ

## his Prayer. 233

Christ may be unto  
them an advantage;  
Blesse them that go  
down to the deep and  
send them safety; and  
let those who have  
had former experience  
of thy goodness, learn  
still to trust in thee.

And now O Lord  
lend the assistance of  
thy holy Spirit unto  
us thy poor servants  
who are here met  
together to hear and  
handle thy holy word.  
O remove what ever  
M 3 may

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may be as obstacles to  
the power and efficacy  
of thy truth, knock  
off the bar of infideli-  
ty and impenitency  
that hath so long kept  
the King of glory  
from entring in; take  
away from us wee  
humbly pray thee, all  
dulnesse of mind,  
wandring of thoughts,  
drowsinesse of body,  
and whatsoever may  
intercept thy truth &  
our profit; be in the  
Preachers mouth, in  
the

## his Prayer. 235

the Hearers ears ; and  
in all our hearts ; let  
it be delivered plain-  
ly, powerfully, & fee-  
lingly ; let it be heard  
reverently, meekly &  
attentively ; and let it  
be practised carefully,  
obediently and con-  
scientiously , to the  
glory of thy name, the  
amendment of our  
lives, and salvation of  
our souls ; hear us  
and have mercy upon  
us, and do more a-  
bundantly for us, than

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we are able to ask or think, for thy Son and our dear Redeemers sake Christ Jesus the righteous, in whose most sacred words we shut up these imperfect prayers, saying,  
*Our Father, &c.*

Mr. MACHINEST  
his Prayer before  
Sermon.

**O**H most gracious  
God and merciful  
Father in Jesus  
Christ

## his Prayer. 237

Christ; for whom have we in Heaven but thee, and who on Earth have we desired or may desire in comparison of thee, whose nature is goodness, whose will is power, whose work is pitty.

We humbly pray thee (pardoning our sins) to accept our prayers, and bless our labours at this time ; abate my pride, and shew forth thy praise, and remedy all my o-

M 5 ther

238 *Mr. Machinest*

ther imperfections; oh  
multiply thy grace  
upon humility, mani-  
fest thy power in in-  
firmity; help me to  
plead on the behalf  
of thy welbeloved;  
and help withall this  
present congregation  
to be perswaded at the  
voice of my pleading;  
thou hast spoken by  
fishermen; Oh assist  
thy servant whom  
thou hast planted  
from a Child at the  
feet of the wise; out  
of

## his Prayer. 239

of the Mouths of filly  
Babes thou hast ac-  
quired praise, and  
thou hast opened the  
mouth of a filly Ass  
to rebuke the sins of a  
senseless Prophet; a  
meaner grace shall  
suffice me to do the  
like; because besides  
all other advantages,  
I feel a sting of con-  
science and the wait  
of mine own iniquity,  
which that harmlesse  
Creature never felt.  
Only so order thou my  
thoughts

240 *Mr. Machinest*

thoughts in upright-  
ness and sincerity; so  
incline the hearers  
minds with patience  
and humility, that the  
work which descend-  
eth of thy heavenly  
institution, may like-  
wise be seconded by  
thy gracious operati-  
on, through Jesus  
Christ our Lord.

And in these our  
Prayers (Oh Lord)  
we are not mindfull  
of our selves alone  
(though unworthy to  
pray

## his Prayer 241

pray so much as for  
our selves) but farther  
we commend to thy  
fatherly protection  
the prosperous estate  
of the universall  
Church dispersed far  
and neer over the  
Earth, aswel her that  
is afflicted, tormented  
and persecuted in any  
forein or Antichris-  
tian Countrey, as this  
more flourishing and  
prospering here at  
home, the Realms of  
England, Scotland and  
Ire.

242 Mr. *Machinest*

Ireland. Let fall the  
dew of Hermon upon  
the two hills of Sion  
the two universities  
Cambridge and Ox-  
ford. Blessè all the  
Nobility of this Land,  
teach them that ver-  
tue is true Nobility,  
and to be thy servants  
their greatest glory.  
Blessè all the Com-  
mons of this Land,  
that from the highest  
to the lowest we may  
live godly, righteous-  
ly and soberly in this  
pre-

his Prayer: 243

present World ; give them religious hearts towards thee, loyalty to their Prince and Country, and love and Charity one towards another.

And in a true fellow-feeling of the afflictions of our Brethren, we commend to thy favour mercy and compassion, the sick and weak estate of all thy children, of what place, in what case or under what crosse so-  
ever

244 *Mr. Machine*

ever they be, as if we  
had named them all by  
their names; we pray  
thee that alone know-  
est them, to take com-  
passion on their mise-  
ry, to ease their smart,  
to allay their payn,  
and make all their  
beds in their sickness;  
if it may stand with  
thy good will and  
pleasure, O Lord re-  
store thē to their for-  
mer health & strength  
again; but if otherwise  
thou hast disposed of  
them

## his Prayer. 245

them, O Lord make them fit for thine own purpose, give them a faithfull Christian departure out of this world, and a joyfull resurrection in the next; thou that art the good *Samaritan* pour oyl and wine into their wounds, set them on thy beast, carry them to thy Inn, and leave them not untill thou hast wrought a perfect cure upon them.

Lastly,

## 246 Mr. Machine?

Lastly, we return unto thee all thanks for all mercies and benefits bestowed upon us; we thank thee for our election before the world, for our creation to the world, for our redemption from the world, and for our preservation in this world; we thank thee for our purification, sanctification, and the first fruits of our glorification, and all other hopes

## his Prayer. 247

hopes of a better world; yea verily Lord we thank thee for all our corrections and fatherly chastisements laid upon us, not oppressing our weak nature, but humbling our pride, exercising our faith, trying our patience, and making way for increase of our future glory; and we humbly pray thee still to hold the same temper over us, that so living here a while  
in

248 *Mr. Mackinest*  
in thy feare, and de-  
parting hence in thy  
faith, we may be re-  
ceived hereafter into  
thy favour, and that  
Lord for thy name  
sake, for thy glories  
sake, and for thy mer-  
cy sake in Christ Je-  
sus the best Attorney  
to promote a sute that  
we can have, in whose  
blessed name and  
words, we conclude  
as he hath taught us,  
saying, *Our Father,*  
*&c.*

*Mr.*

**Mr. Hall at St. Botolph's Aldersgate  
his Prayer.**

**O** Holy Holy Holy,  
Lord God of Sabbath, Heaven and  
Earth are full of thy  
Glory, Holinesse be-  
commeth thy house  
for ever, thou art so  
infinitely pure, and  
holy in thy nature,  
that thou chargest thy  
Angels with folly, and  
the heavens are not  
clean

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clean in thy sight, thou art so infinitely dreadful in the power of thy wrath, that thou art a consuming fire, & who can dwell with everlasting burnings? But withall, so infinitely gracious, and full of Compassion, that who ever trusted in the Lord, and was confounded? Look down from the throne of thy Glory, in mercy upon thy unworthy creatures, who are here  
cast

## his Prayer. 251

cast down before thee,  
in Fear, and reverence  
of thy name, to wait  
for thy loving kind-  
ness, in the midst of  
thy Temple, Accept  
O Lord this day both  
our persons, and ser-  
vices, sprinkle thou us  
and them in the bloud  
of Christ, that being  
presented unto thee,  
by him our only medi-  
ator, we may obtain  
Favour in thine eyes,  
and be sent away with  
a blessing from thy  
pre-

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presence; our sins, our manifold sins, which are as a thick Cloud, to hinder the light of thy countenance from shining forth upon us, O let them be dispell'd, and scattered as a Cloud, If thou Lord shalt enter into Judgment with us, our Faces must needs gather blacknesse, and, behold it is Iniquity, even this our solemn meeting, We ly down in our shame, and our  
con-

## his Prayer. 253

confusion covereth us;  
O what could we  
have done more;  
which we have not  
done, to make thy Je-  
lousie burn like fire a-  
gainst us? That we do  
not every day commit  
ungodliness with gree-  
dinesse, not unto us,  
O Lord, not unto us,  
but unto thy preven-  
ting grace be all the  
praise, and yet also  
(prevented as we are)  
who can tell, how oft  
he offendeth? O chāle

N thou

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thou us from secret  
sins, Atheism and  
Infidelity, Irreligion  
and prophanenesse,  
Obstinacy and Impe-  
nitency; Thou Lord  
seest the depravedness  
of our nature, the  
vanity of our mindes,  
the deceitfulnesse our  
of hearts, our weariness  
and Inconstancy unto  
any good, our prone-  
nesse and forwardness  
into all evil; Thou se-  
est that in the most  
heavenly minded a-  
mongst

## his Prayer. 255

mongst us there is a  
great deal of Earthly-  
nesse, in the most de-  
vout and religious  
much Indevotion and  
deadnesse of Spirit,  
in the most humble  
and mortified much  
vanity and spiritual  
pride, in the most up-  
right and single-hear-  
ted much doubleness  
and hypocrisie; O  
wretched that we are  
who shall deliver us  
from this body of  
death which doth in-

N 2 com-

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compass us? Being every way conscious unto our selves, what shall we say unto thee, O thou just judge of all men? we will take with us words, and return unto the Lord, and say unto him, take away all iniquity, and receive us graciously; we have sinned, but we are still the works of thy hands, and thou wilt not despise the work of thy own hands; O what  
pro-

## his Prayer. 257

profit will there be in  
our bloud, if we shall  
go down to the pit?  
we have sinned, but  
there is a Fountain o-  
pened for sin. & for un-  
cleanness, the precious  
bloud of our dear Re-  
deemer. He dyed for  
our sins, he rose again  
for our justification,  
he sitteth at thy right  
hand to make interces-  
sion for us; And if he  
were alwaies heard, in  
what he prayed for,  
while he was upon  
N<sub>3</sub> earth,

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earth, Is he not heard  
now also for us, by his  
infinite merits in Hea-  
ven? We believe, Lord  
help thou our unbe-  
lief. And O thou, in  
whose hands are the  
hearts of all men, Cre-  
ate clean hearts and  
renew right Spirits  
within us; It is enough  
too long that we have  
have been servants  
and slaves to our own  
corrupt and Inordi-  
nate Affections, we  
would now hence-  
forth

## his Prayer. 259

forth consecrate our  
Bodies and Souls unto  
thee, and live no lon-  
ger to our selves, but  
to thy service, and  
Glory. That we may  
do so, give us thy  
grace (thy grace is suf-  
ficient for us) thy pre-  
venting, assisting, and  
following Grace, leave  
us not also in the hãds  
of our own Counsels,  
to our vain and wick-  
ed imaginations; Take  
not thy holy Spirit  
from us, thy quick-  
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ning Spirit, for we are  
dead in trespasses, and  
sins, Thy inlightning  
Spirit, for we are full  
of blindness and dark-  
ness, Thy sanctifying  
Spirit, for we are full  
of our corruptions.  
that being cleansed  
from all filthinesse of  
the flesh, and spirit,  
we may perfect holi-  
nesse in thy fear; and  
behold, this is thy  
will, even our sanctifi-  
cation, that we may  
be presented spotlesse,  
be-

## his Prayer. 261

before thee; That it  
may be so be gracious-  
ly pleased, to take us  
wholly into thine own  
hands, to rectify and  
reform whatsoever  
thou seest amiss, and  
bring down every  
thought that exalts it  
self against thee with-  
in us; Give us O Lord,  
understandings to  
know thee and thy  
will savingly, give us  
devotion to seek thee  
affectionately, give us  
faith to lay hold upon  
N 5 thee,

## 262 Mr. Hall

thee, give us conversations to please thee; lead us through all the temptations, and allurements, through all the troubles and discouragements, of this present evil world, that we may keep in waies of Integrity, and Innocency, which will bring us peace at the last. And work in us we beseech thee, a Hungring, and Thirsting after thy righteousness, a true zeal  
for

## his Prayer. 263

for thy glory, with a denial of our selves in whatsoever is dearest to us, a panting and breathing after thy presence, as the Hart for the Rivers of water, and that, not for the happiness that flowes from thee, but for the unspeakable excellencies, and Beauties, and perfections, which are in thy self.

Hear us also O God,  
while we inlarge our  
pray-

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prayers for thy whole Church, howsoever dispersed, distressed, and despised; yea for those also, who are without; O that thy saving light might shine forth upon those many thousand souls who sit in darknesse, and in the shadow of death, before they go hence and be no more seen. And as for these Churches of great *Britain*, and *Ireland*, look down in mercy upon them,

## his Prayer. 265

them; Thou O God alone, dost come with healing in thy wings, and our eyes are only upon thee, to heal the sores of this land, for it shaketh, pittie all the desolations, make up all the unhappy breaches, remedy all the disorders, and confusions, Heal all the Backslidings, and Rebellions, though they are many. Our iniquities do testifie against us, unto this day, yet thou

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thou continuest holy, tho  
and merciful. O thou ou  
who inhabitest the wi  
praises of Israel, Hum- th  
ble us under thy migh- cu  
ty hand (after these us  
terrible things, with fe  
which thou hast begun w  
to visit us in thy righ- co  
teousness,) that wee m  
may be more capable h  
of thy favour, and le  
compassion; That it fo  
may please thee, to C  
pitty a distracted b  
Church, and a sinful d  
people, to heal up f  
those

## his Prayer. 267

ly, those wounds which  
our sins have made so  
wide, that none but  
thine own hands can  
cure them. O leave  
us not (as we have de-  
served to be left)  
wrapt up in our own  
confusions; be thou  
more merciful than we  
have been unto our  
selves, supply what-  
soever is wanting in  
Government, esta-  
blish what remains  
dissipate, and scatter  
scandals, stop and pre-  
vent

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went all rising & growing  
ing Heresies, make us  
all, so far of one heart  
and of one mind, that  
we may joyntly set our  
selves to the rooting  
up of all Atheism, pro-  
faneness, superstition,  
faction, heresie, any  
thing which exalts it  
self against thy true  
and sincere worship.

And let thy name O  
God be worshipped in  
the beauty of Holiness,  
let the wickedness  
of the wicked  
come

his Prayer. 269

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come to an end, But  
guide, & establish, and  
prosper thou the just;  
let thy fear; be in the  
hearts of all thy peo-  
ple, of what degree, or  
quality soever, mind  
every one of us, That  
the fear of the Lord,  
that is the beginning,  
and the end, the Top,  
and perfection of true  
wisdom, therefore, that  
in our several Stations,  
and callings, we may  
walk with thee, in all  
integrity, and faithful-  
ness,

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ness, and with one another in all Justice and Charity, Christian Tenderness, and Brotherly loving Kindness.

And receive O Lord, the glory due to thy name, for the great experiences which thou hast given us, of thy All-sufficiency and good providence, That thou hast renewed upon us, the light of this day, and these precious opportunities,

## his Prayer. 271

ties of waiting upon  
thee, O make us sensi-  
ble of this wonderful  
long suffering of thine,  
that the doors of thy  
house are not yet shut  
upon us, and those  
things are not hidden  
from our eyes, under  
which we have been  
so long unprofitable.  
Now, as it hath plea-  
sed thee, to bring us  
together at this time,  
so bless thou, and san-  
ctifie this our meeting,  
that it may not be al-  
together

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together in vain, to any soul that is here before thee; We are now come to draw water out of the wells of salvation, O let us not return empty, let us not depart from thy presence, without some Testimony of thy presence; O that we might this day find some light added to our Judgements, some life and quickening to our cold, dead Affections, some Reformation to  
our

## his Prayer. 273

our lives, That these  
our services may be  
to the glory of thy  
great name, to the dis-  
charge and comfort of  
our consciences, to the  
furtherance of our  
great account, in the  
day of our Lord Jesus;  
And be ye lifted up, O  
ye everlasting doors  
of our hearts, that the  
King of Glory may  
come in, that he may  
come in at this time,  
and take possession of  
us, and dwell, and  
reign

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reign in us for ever.  
Even so O Lord, for  
the sake of the Son of  
thy love, in whom on-  
ly we trust to be ac-  
cepted, and in whose  
name, and words, we  
further call upon  
thee.

*Our Father, &c.*

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**Mr. Sparks**

Mr. **S P A R K E** his  
Prayer before  
Sermon.

**L** Et the Words of  
my Mouth and  
the Meditations of all  
our hearts be now and  
ever acceptable in thy  
sight, Oh Lord my  
Strength and my Re-  
deemer.

**O** Most glorious  
and eternal God,  
before whom all the  
World doth tremble,  
before whom the An-  
gels

## 276 his prayer.

gels are impure, and the very Cherubims cover their faces, such is thine infinite perfection, Be gracious notwithstanding through thy Christ & our Jesus unto us sinfull wretches, and wretched sinners, who here presumptuously prostrate our Souls & bodies before thy sacred presence, fully renouncing our own, and wholly relying on thy sons merits.

For

## his Prayer. 277

For we confesse oh  
Lord, we confess, that  
the very best of us are  
nothing else but Sons  
and Daughters of cor-  
ruption, the pollution  
of whose nature be-  
ing the sole inheri-  
tance of our first Pa-  
rents, is so unsavory in  
thy nostrils, that had  
our Mothers womb  
been our untimely Se-  
pulchre, it could not  
have exempted us  
from holding up a  
guilty hand at the bar  
O of

## 278 Mr. Sparke

of thy justice ; what  
 then shall become of  
 us O Lord, who to this  
 original corruption,  
 have for so many years  
 daily, hourly added  
 actual transgression !  
 and if one sin in *Adam*  
 were enough to con-  
 demn a whole world,  
 Lord what are a world  
 of sins to condemn one  
 poor soul ! a world of  
 actual sins ; Sins of all  
 Magnitudes, aggrava-  
 tions and degrees, sins  
 of weakness against  
 thee

## his Prayer. 279

thee O God the Father, who art power; sins of ignorance against thee O God the Son, who art wisdom; and sins of malice against thee O God the Holy Ghost, that art love.

So that if we consider what we are, and what we do here, we may well hold up our hands, but hang down our heads abased at our own wretchedness.

O 2 For

## 280 Mr. Sparke

For we have given  
up all the Faculties of  
our Souls, and Mem-  
bers of our bodies,  
weapons of unrighte-  
ousness, and instru-  
ments of sin; our ears  
have been often stopt  
at the voyce of thy  
true charmers; our  
throats an open Se-  
pulcher of the good  
name, and reputation  
of our neighbour;  
the poyson of Asps  
too oft under our lips;  
our eyes that should  
be

## his Prayer. 281

be the lights of the body, dark and wicked; our hands impure, and dried up from all well doing; our feet swift to shed blood of our own souls and others; our hearts treasury of all, only evill, and that continually! yet are we but clay, and thou O Lord that Potter that canst turn us into nothing, because we are thy creatures; yea, that mightest cast us into hell for ever,

O 3 be-

## 282 Mr. Sparke

because we are thy  
sinful creatures, were  
not thy mercies over  
all thy works!

But one deep calls  
upon another, our in-  
numerable sins on  
thine immeasurable  
mercies; look not on  
us O Lord, look not on  
us as in our selves mi-  
serable objects of thy  
wrath & fury, behold  
us not as we are putri-  
fied branches, but be-  
hold us in the sound-  
nesse of that root of  
*Iesse.*

## his Prayer. 283

*leſſe.* Spare us good Lord, ſpare us for thy Son, who ſparedſt not thy Son for us, and remember not O Lord, remember not what we have ſo often done againſt thy Chriſt, but conſider O Lord, conſider what our Jeſus hath once for all done for us.

And not for us alone, but for thy whole Church militant howſoever diſperſed or deſpiſed through a ſin-  
O 4 ful

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ful world. Be as thou  
hast promised a wall  
of fire about her, and  
set a continual light in  
the midst thereof. O  
Lord shine to them  
that sit in darkness,  
and in the shadow of  
death, reveal thy Son,  
and his saving Gospel  
to those *Asiatics*,  
*Africans*, and *Ame-*  
*ricans* that never heard  
of a crucified Jesus.  
Add the fulness of the  
*Gentiles* to the recol-  
lection of the *Jews*, that  
there

his Prayer. 285

there may at length be  
one sheepfold under  
that one good and  
great Shepherd Jesus  
Christ.

For whose sake look  
with a particular Eye  
of Mercy upon the  
bleeding and dying  
face of thy Church in  
these Nations; O Lord  
compose our unhappy  
differences, make up  
these sad breaches,  
which our sins have  
made so wide, that  
nothing but thine al-  
O 5 mighty

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mighty hand can close  
them: O Lord stench  
the bloody issue  
where it is; and pre-  
vent it elsewhere by a  
gracious mercy, by a  
timely melting the  
hearts of these obdu-  
rate Nations: one to-  
wards another in bro-  
therly compassion, one  
towards another in  
their lawful subordi-  
nation.

But especially by  
melting all of us to-  
wards thee our God  
of

his Prayer. 287

offended, in an unfeigned humiliation. And that in blessing thou maist bless, we beseech thee O Lord, to continue those two bright Beams of thy power and wisdom, that is the lawful Magistracy and Ministry still among us; in either sense, quench not O Lord, quench not utterly the light of *Israel*; and to that end blesse I pray thee all those whom thy holy word

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word commandeth us  
to pray for, viz. all  
Kings, Princes, and  
Governours, especial-  
ly ours; and for the  
happier supply of *Mo-  
ses* Chair, and *Aarons*  
Ephod, bless those  
Twins of knowledge,  
the two Famous Nur-  
series of learning,  
*Cambridge* and *Oxford*;  
keep those Mothers  
from dry Breasts,  
and from miscarrying  
wombs, purge those  
Fountains from Here-  
sie,

his Prayer. 289

He and Schism; make  
them again like *Leba-*  
*non*, from whence may  
ever come fit Cedars  
to build up thy Tem-  
ple.

And thou who art a  
God not only of the  
Mountains, but also of  
the Valleys, suffer that  
precious ointment of  
thy Heavenly benedi-  
ction not alone to wet  
the head of this our  
Land, but likewise to  
distil upon the beard  
and skirts the Nobility  
thereof

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ther of Gentry & comi-  
nalty; bleſs all thy peo-  
ple from the Cedar to  
the Hyſop, from the  
ſwaier of the Scepter to  
the drawer of Water,  
from the higheſt Israe-  
lite to the loweſt Gi-  
beonite. And whi-  
ther now ſhall the di-  
ſtreſſed look for help,  
but from the Hills?  
ſend them help O  
Lord from thy holy  
Hill; comfort with thy  
Staff all thoſe whom  
thou haſt afflicted  
with

his Prayer. 291

with thy rod; and let  
no bodily diseased  
Job, or Soul-sick *Eliab*  
desparingly sigh out a-  
ny longer, is there no  
Balme in *Gilead*? is  
there no Physician  
there? But hear thou  
O Lord in Heaven,  
and have mercy; break  
not these bruised  
Reeds, but bind up  
the broken hearted;  
and for those whom  
thou hast stretched up  
on their beds of lan-  
guishment, make thou  
their

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their beds in all their sickness; draw near unto them according to their several necessities; be thou the good Physician to their bodies, and say to them as sometimes unto *Hezekiah*, I will yet add unto your dayes; however be the good *Samaritan* to their Souls, & as to *David*, say to them, thou art their salvation. Be further entreated for this sinfull Land and Na-

## his Prayer. 293

Nation! let the further  
cup of blood passe  
from it, yet not our  
wills but thy will be  
done: if the measure  
of our sins challenge  
the further vials of  
thy wrath, we beseech  
thee with unfeigned  
hearts give a happy  
victory to thy truth,  
and by thy mighty  
power preserve all  
those that are appoin-  
ted to dy; In the mean  
time oh Lord give us  
and all other afflicted  
pla-

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places and persons patience, and Christian resolution, cheerfully to go through whatsoever thy fatherly chastising hand shall inflict upon us; and in thy good time which is the best, Lord compass us all about with songs of deliverance.

Let not my Lord be angry and I will speak unto thee yet but this once, craving a blessing on thine own ordinance; O Lord be pre.

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present among us who  
are here present in thy  
Sanctuary, and say of  
this congregation as  
*Isaac* of *Jacob*, I have  
blest it, and it shall be  
blessed.

Bless me O Lord the  
most unworthy of all  
the Sons of *Aaron*; and  
because I am a Man of  
uncircumcised lips, O  
Lord be thou with my  
mouth and with my  
heart also as with thy  
servant *Moses*, and  
teach me what to say.

Lastly

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Lastly with *David* con-  
Key, open and pre-thi  
pare the hearts of on  
these thy people, that Ch  
they like good Christi cre  
ans, hearing thy word So  
attentively, may like be  
good Stewards use the an  
same carefully, and in cie  
their lives like good ta  
ground may bring de  
forth fruits effectually,  
so shall thy name be  
glorified, their selves  
here somewhat farther  
edified, all our Souls  
finally saved at the se-  
cond

## his Prayer. 297

cond appearing of  
thine only Son, our  
only Saviour Jesus  
Christ, in whose sa-  
cred name, merit and  
Sole Mediation, we  
beg off thy judgments  
and intreat thy mer-  
cies, saying as he hath  
taught us, & comman-  
ded, *Our Father, &c.*

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**The Prayer of Job**  
*Marston B. D. before*  
**his Sermon.**

**G**reat and glorious  
Glorious God, whose  
presence (though in-  
visible) fills all places,  
whose providence is  
the admiration of all  
men, and whose pow-  
er is the scourge of the  
damned.

**Thy power (O Lord)**  
made

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made the World, and  
thy displeasure can  
blast the whole Crea-  
tion, till it dis-  
sub-  
sist  
and become nothing.

Thy power amaze  
us, and because we  
deserve it, therefore we  
fear, thy Justice; and  
our own horrors drink  
up our spirits, whilst  
our Consciences both  
represent, and reprove  
our sins.

We have sinned (O  
Lord) and our sins  
have multiplied, and  
out-

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outvied the haire of  
our head, and are be-  
come no less than infi-  
nite both in their ob-  
ject and our inclinati-  
on, and Age it self  
which sheds our haire  
and makes them few-  
er, multiplies our sins  
and makes them more.  
Every Commande-  
ment accuseth us; E-  
very Period of time  
reproacheth us. Our  
Infancie was wrapt up  
in Ignorance. Our ri-  
per yeers gave us a  
dan-

## his Prayer. 301

of dangerous knowledg,  
e. and by greater study  
fi. and contrivance ,  
b. made us wiser only to  
ti. transgress: And Age it  
lf. self, which abates the  
irs. possibilities of some  
w. sins, hath so return'd  
ns. our contemplations  
re. uppon them, that we  
e. have sinned over all  
E. those sins, by memo-  
ne. rie, and delight.

ur. The sands (by the  
up. Sea-shore) rebuke us,  
ri. for that our sins have  
s. a larger bounds than  
an. P they;



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they; Hell is full of  
the punishment, and  
horror of our sins;  
The Earth is defiled  
with the guilt, and  
Heaven offended with  
the clamor of our sins;  
But the Sea swells and  
hides the Sands, and  
with a waterie Robe  
covers their slime; but  
our sins (O Lord) are  
naked still, and (to  
thine eye) betray our  
shame.

But, Lord, thou art  
infinite in mercie, and  
canst

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## his Prayer. 303

of save more than we can  
no sin: And though death  
is only can conclude our  
ed sins, (for in that very  
no Justice there was a  
th mercie, & the very pu-  
is nishment of sin became  
no so much the Remedy,  
no that after death we  
be can never offend thee  
ut more) yet (Dearest  
are God) thou canst (in  
to this life) give us relief  
our of Soul, and (by for-  
art giveness) cancel our  
nd crimes, till thy pardon  
nst make them none.

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The stretcht-out  
Arms of our dearest  
Saviour, on the Cross,  
Can encompass the  
largest extention of  
our sins; And his pas-  
sion affords an ever-  
flowing-red Sea, to  
cover and confound  
our sins, that they  
may not become our  
confusion.

Springs of mercy  
flowed from his sacred  
head, when he was  
crowned with thorns;  
Because we advanc'd  
our



his Prayer. 305

our heads in high  
looks, and (with a  
stiff neck) oppos'd thy  
will; he bowed his  
bleeding head on the  
Cross.

Rivers of mercy  
flowd from his hands,  
to cleanse the oppressi-  
on of ours.

From his Feet (fast-  
ened and unmoved) is-  
sued a Current of  
bloud, because ours  
have been so swift to  
shed it: And lest we  
should want abun-

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ant  


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dant supplies of mercy, the Floudgates stand open at his side, that so whilst Mercy, and Mysterie, and Sacraments, and Soul-satisfaction, flow out all together, our Leprosie may want no purgation, nor we (in our languishings) want support: Oh then let his bloud be our Bath, Purge us with Hyssop and we shall be clean, wash us, and we shall be whiter than Snow: And



his Prayer. 307

And to capacitate us  
for these mercies, Let  
deepest sorrow wound  
our Souls; Oh let it  
grieve our spirits, that  
we have lived so long  
the grief of thine, and  
let us grieve again  
that we can grieve no  
more: Make our Souls  
to ascend in humblest  
supplications, and let  
our Saviours Interces-  
sion procure thine ac-  
ceptation of them  
(though our Incense  
ascend from unhal-  
lowed

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lowed Altars ) And  
give us such a Faith as  
may take possession of  
all we pray for: And  
lest our own trust  
should deceive us ,  
when we have sayd  
Amen to our prayers,  
do thou say Amen to  
our Amen, that so an  
establishment of bles-  
sings may be the  
Crown of our Souls.

And because after  
the House is swept and  
garnished more Devils  
may enter in it , and  
make



## his Prayer. 309

make our later end  
worſe than our begin-  
ning; Give us Grace  
to watch againſt the  
re-aſſaults of old Sins,  
and to oppoſe the en-  
croachments of new  
Sins; that execution  
may be the life of our  
reſolves, and triumph  
the end of our warfare,  
whiſt we work out  
our ſalvation with fear  
and trembling.

Bleſſed Lord, with  
us we pray thee bleſſe  
thy catholick Church,

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preserve it from the Idolatries of those who call themselves Catholics, and from the Heresies of those, who are become their own Idols, by worshipping their own Imaginations.

Advance, we pray thee, the Truth, and purity of Religion in this Nation, and to that end, let thy Spirit guide our Governor, and us under his Government, that we  
may



his Prayer. 311

may all lead a Godly and quiet life, endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

Water, we beseech thee, the two Nurseries of Religion and Learning, *Oxford* and *Cambridge*, and in *Oxford* continue thy old Favours to *Magdalen College*, that it may still flourish in the abilities and holiness of those it shall send out to serve at thine Altar.

Let



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Let the Magistrates of  
this Natiō know whose  
Sword they bear, and  
give them thy Grace,  
that they may execute  
Justice, and maintain  
Truth

Let thy word be  
magnified by the Life  
and Doctrine of those  
whom are ordained to  
preach it, and let the  
People (having no  
mans person in Admi-  
ration) receive thy  
word for it self, with  
that humility and re-  
ve-



## his Prayer. 313

of reverence, which befits  
the Oracles of God.  
Let the sick Man find  
thee a Physician, and  
let all that are afflicted  
find thee a Consolati-  
on; Let not the trou-  
bles of life perplex,  
nor the horrors of  
death affright us, but  
both in life and death  
let our submissions  
testifie, that thy will  
is our Law: And a-  
midst the very Ago-  
nies of death, suffer  
not our Faith to fail,  
nor

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nor our Hope of Heaven to deceive us, nor our Charity to die before us, but let our very enemies be forgiven for our prayers, for his sake who prayed for his enemies, and whilst we were enemies dyed for us.

Oh let us live the life of the righteous, that we may dy the death of the righteous, that so thy servants may depart in peace, and then receive the  
end

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## his Prayer. 315

end of their Hope,  
even the salvation of  
our Souls, through Je-  
sus Christ our Lord, in  
obedience to whom,  
we conclude the im-  
perfections of our own  
prayers, with that,  
which he hath appro-  
ved, sanctified, and  
Commanded, saying  
when ye pray, *Say Our  
Father which art in hea-  
ven, &c.*

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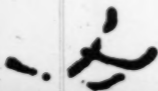


**Mr. Richard Ball his  
Prayer before  
Sermon.**

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*Let us call upon the name  
of the Lord.*

**O** Lord our God,  
we acknowledge  
and confesse that we  
are less than the least  
of all thy mercies, we  
are unworthy of the  
least crum that falls  
from



## his Prayer. 317

from the table of thy  
ordinary providence,  
we are unworthy of  
those common favors  
which thou vouchsa-  
rest to the Birds of the  
air, and to the Lillies  
of the field, to be  
clothed, and to be fed;  
how, much more, O  
Lord, unworthy are  
we to appear in thy  
presence, to call upon  
thy great and glorious  
name with any confi-  
dence that thou wilt  
hear our prayers and  
grant

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grant our requests? and  
as we are unworthy,  
so we are altogether  
unable to perform any  
holy duty that may be  
pleasing and accepta-  
ble in thy sight: but  
we come unto thee in  
the name of thy dear  
Son who is most wor-  
thy, in whose name  
thou hast promised to  
grant unto us whatso-  
ever we shall ask; we  
come unto thee in his  
name, O Lord, at this  
time, for the assistance  
of

## his Prayer. 319

of thy holy and of thy  
blessed *Spirit*, who is  
able to supply all our  
weakness and all our  
insufficiency; there is  
not any thing, O Lord,  
that hath betrayed us  
the Children of men  
to all this unworthy-  
ness, and all this weak-  
ness, but only our sins;  
we do desire O Lord,  
in the sincerity of our  
hearts, to spread our  
sins before thee at this  
time by an humble &  
by a sincere Cōfessiō of  
them;

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them; we acknowledg,  
O Lord, to thy glory,  
and our own shame,  
that thou madest us  
upright, but we have  
sought out many In-  
ventions, we have lost  
that glorious Image of  
thine wherein at first  
we were created, and  
we have contracted  
many vicious habits  
and dispositions wher-  
by we are prone to  
evil, and only evil,  
and that continually;  
we have lived with-  
out

## his Prayer. 321

out thee in the World,  
and thou hast not been  
in all our thoughts ; &  
not only without thee,  
but contrary unto  
thee ; we have been  
not only Strangers, but  
enemies , making all  
the faculties of our  
Souls, and members  
of our Bodies, as so  
many instruments and  
weapons of unrighte-  
ousness, our Under-  
standings have been  
full of darkness and  
blindness, our Wills  
of

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of crookedness and w  
 perversness, our Af- w  
 fections of disorder w  
 and tumult; our eies th  
 have been full of wan- ag  
 tonnes, our tongues lo  
 have been trumpeters th  
 of folly, our hands Sp  
 have been full of cru- Ch  
 elty and oppression, en  
 and our feet have of  
 been swift to shed sw  
 blood; we have, O th  
 Lord, been universally ny  
 contrary unto thee; us  
 we have loved that ju  
 which thou hatest, and on  
 we

## his Prayer. 323

nd we have hated that  
af- which thou lovest;  
er we have sinned against  
ies thee with a high hand,  
n- against thy patience &  
es long-suffering, against  
ers the motions of thy  
ds Spirit, against the  
u- Checks of our Consci-  
n, ences, against the call  
ve of thy Ministers those  
ed sweet embassadors of  
O thy peace, against ma-  
ly ny mercies to allure  
e; us, and against many  
at judgements both nati-  
nd onal and personal  
ve which

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which should have  
 been as so many Mes-  
 sengers to have com-  
 pell'd us to come in  
 but, O Lord our God  
 we have hardened our  
 hearts against thy fear  
 we have sinned against  
 thee not only in the  
 days of ignorance  
 when thou winkedst  
 at it, but after illu-  
 mination and convic-  
 tion, after many  
 vowes and promises of  
 better obedience; we  
 have been unfaithfull  
 and

## his Prayer. 325

and unsteadfast before thee, all our righteousness hath been as a morning dew, and as a cloud that vanitheth away, like the Children of *Ephraim* being harnessed and carrying bowes, we have turned our selves back in the day of battel, being munitied and fortified in some measure with the graces of thy holy Spirit, and many a heavenly purpose and resoluti-

Q .on

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on, we have not so  
courageously resisted  
the temptations of  
Satan, and of this e-  
vil World, and the  
corruptions of our  
own hearts, as we  
ought to have done,  
but we have turned  
our selves back in the  
day of that Spiritual  
battail, and we have  
been foyled and con-  
quered again and a-  
gain; and we confess  
O Lord farther against  
our selves, that we  
have

## his Prayer. 327

have as it were sealed  
up all these our sins in  
a bag by hardness of  
heart, by impeniten-  
cy of life, and by a-  
bundance of security.  
Father, we have sin-  
ned against thee,  
what shall we do unto  
thee O thou the pre-  
server of men? O Lord  
thou knowest that it  
is not in man to re-  
form his own waies,  
O when Lord Jesus,  
when shall it once be?  
O thou that by thy al-

Q 2 migh-

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ty power didst bring  
water out of a rock,  
we beseech thee smite  
the stony Rocks of our  
hearts, and make the  
water of a true & of an  
unfeigned Repentance  
to gush forth; give us  
that godly sorrow  
that may work repen-  
tance never to be re-  
pented of; help us, O  
Lord, to carry all our  
sins even with sorrow  
to our graves, and yet,  
O Lord, not with the  
sorrow of anxiety or  
are-

## his Prayer. 329

desperation, but with the sorrow of contrition, the sorrow of humiliation, the sorrow of a sound and of an unfeigned repentance . Forgive , O Lord, forgive whatever is past for Jesus sake the Son of thy love in whom thou art well pleased; there's no other name given under heaven by which we can be saved, there is no other fountain set open for

Q 3 *Judah*

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*Judab* and *Jernsalem* to  
wash in for sin and for  
uncleanness; we hum-  
bly beseech thee to  
bath and wash our  
polluted Souls in that  
most precious fountain,  
wash us, O Lord from  
the guilt of our sins,  
wash us from the stains  
and pollutions of our  
sins, wash us from the  
power and dominion  
of our sins; look not  
O Lord upon what  
we have done, but up-  
on what thy Son  
Christ

## his Prayer. 331

Christ Jesus hath both done and sufferd, accept of his obedience for our disobedience, and by his Stripes let our sinfull Souls be healed; he hath fulfilled that law which we have so often and so fearfully broken, he hath suffered that punishment which we have so often and so justly deserved, thy Justice is compleatly satisfied in thy Son; we humbly pray thee

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to magnifie thy mercy  
in the pardoning and  
in the forgiving of us  
miserable sinners; seal  
unto us, O Lord, the  
pardon of all that is  
past by the testimony  
of thy holy and of thy  
blesied Spirit; that as  
there is peace made in  
heaven for us, so there  
may be peace in our  
Consciencs within  
us; plant in our hearts  
the fear of thy holy  
name for the time to  
come, that we may  
walk

## his Prayer. 333

walk before thee more  
exactly, more circum-  
spectly & wisely, redee-  
ming the time because  
the dayes are evil.  
Give us power and  
strength against our  
corruptions, let not  
sin Reign in our mor-  
tal bodies, that we  
should fulfil it in the  
lusts thereof; bruise  
Satan under our feet  
shortly, according to  
thy sweet and graci-  
ous promise; help us  
especially to eschew

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our

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our own wickedness,  
that sin which by na-  
ture, or custom, or  
constitution, or temp-  
tation, we have here-  
tofore been most  
prone and subject un-  
to, because by that we  
have most dishonou-  
red thy Majesty, and  
grieved thy Spirit, and  
wounded our own  
Consciencs; and be-  
cause O Lord there is  
no man liveth and fin-  
eth not, we humbly  
pray thee to keep thy  
poor

his Prayer. 335

poor Servants from  
presumptuous sins, that  
they may never get  
the dominion over us;  
when we sin of infir-  
mity, O let our hearts  
smite us speedily; ever  
more keep us from im-  
penitency, deadnesse  
of heart, presumptu-  
ous wickedness, and a  
down-falling into sin;  
vouchsafe unto every  
one of us all those  
gifts and graces, which  
thou knowest to be  
needful, and requisite  
for

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for us in all estate, and  
conditions of life,  
whereunto thou shalt  
be pleased to call us,  
& wherein thou shalt  
be pleased to exercise  
us; in adversity, O  
Lord, give us patience,  
in prosperity thank-  
fulness, and in both  
humility, and meek-  
ness, and lowliness of  
mind; increase our  
Faith, confirm our  
hope, inflame our cha-  
rity, Crown all thy  
graces in us with per-  
seve-

## his Prayer. 337

severance to the end ;  
grant, O Lord, that we  
may so run, that wee  
may obtain, and that  
the Gates of Hell may  
never be able to pre-  
vail against us; let nei-  
ther prosperity, or ad-  
versity, life, or death,  
things present, or  
things to come, bee-  
ver able to separate us  
from the love of thee  
in Christ Jesus our  
Lord; in whose holy  
name, we continue  
our requests, for thy  
whole

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whole Church where-  
soever dispersed, or  
howsoever distressed,  
upon the face of the  
whole earth, adde un-  
to thy Church daily  
those that shall be sa-  
ved, bring home thine  
antient people, the  
Jews, gather together  
the fulnesse of the  
Gentiles, finish these  
dayes of sin, and vani-  
ty, and then come  
Lord JESUS, come  
quickly. Have pittie  
upon these sinful Na-  
tions

## his Prayer. 339

re- tions of *England, Scot-*  
or *land, and Ireland*; Re-  
d, move thy heavy Judg-  
he ments that are upon  
n. us, withhold those  
ly that hang over us, for-  
a- give our crying sins,  
ne compose our sad diffi-  
ne ces, create peace; blef-  
er sed Jesus, with a word  
e of thy mouth, thou  
e didst still the winds,  
- and the waves when  
e they Arose, and pre-  
e servedst thy Disciples,  
y we humbly beseech  
- thee, to extend thy  
s pow-

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power, and goodnes,  
and lay all storms, and  
Tempests, both in  
Church and Common-  
wealth; send us a gra-  
cious tranquillity, a  
blessed peace, as may  
be most for thy glory,  
for the refreshment of  
thy people, that do de-  
pend and wait upon  
thee, and for the diffi-  
pating and scattering  
of all those that do de-  
light in War. O raise  
up many to stand in  
the gap like *Aaron*, be-  
twixt

his Prayer. 341

twixt the living and  
the dead, to turn thy  
wrathful indignation  
from us; hear the Pray-  
ers, and the Sighes, and  
the tears of those that  
mourn in secret, for all  
the abominations that  
have been committed  
in the midst of us, and  
above all hear the  
voyce of the blood of  
thy Son Christ Jesus,  
that speaketh better  
things than the blood  
of *Abel*. And thou that  
art the God of all  
pit.

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pitty, and all compassion, have pitty upon  
all those that suffer for  
the Testimony of a  
good Conscience, give  
them health, and  
strength, and patience,  
a sanctified use, and a  
joyfull deliverance;  
prepare us for Chan-  
ges, and alterations;  
give us a contented  
mind in all estates, that  
we may sing with *Da-  
vid*, our heart is fixed,  
O God, our heart is  
fixed, whom have we  
in

## his Prayer. 343

also in Heaven but thee?  
and there is none up-  
on earth, that we de-  
fire in comparison of  
thee, That the flat-  
teries of the world  
may never corrupt us,  
nor the frowns of it  
terrific us, but that we  
may in the midst of all  
storms and tempests of  
persecution, with a  
quiet mind and a se-  
rene Conscience look  
up to heaven, and  
with the eie of faith  
behold that glorious

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vision, which thyne  
faithfull Martyr Sainct  
*Stephen* did with the wh  
eye of his body, even fits  
heaven opened, and hi  
Jesus standing at the dra  
right hand in glory, tra  
both to strengthen with  
in all Spiritual com-we  
bats and agonies, and ly  
to Crown us after th  
them. And thou that of  
art the Phyfician both T  
of Body and Soul, up  
have mercy upon all ar  
those that are visited co  
with thy hand of sick- te  
ness.

## his Prayer. 345

thineſs, and eſpecially  
in on thoſe thy ſervants  
who deſire the bene-  
fits of our Prayers at  
this time; Thoſe who  
draw neer the time of  
travail, Lord ſhew  
thy powet in their  
weakneſs, and mighti-  
ly defend them; make  
them joyful Mothers  
of thoſe children.  
Thoſe that are toſſed  
upon the Seas, who  
are gone forth, or  
coming home, pro-  
tect and defend them  
from

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from Rocks, & Sands  
from Storms, and  
Tempests, from Py-  
rates, and Robbers  
and bring them in  
safety to the Haven  
where they would be  
and give them good  
success. As for those  
who are tossed upon  
the Bed of pain, or  
sickness, Lord give  
them ease, Lord give  
them help ; lay no  
more upon them, than  
thou wilt inable them  
to bear; bless all means  
that

## his Prayer. 347

that shall be used for  
their recovery, and  
let not their sickness  
be to death if it be thy  
blessed will: However  
thou dealest with  
their bodies, be gra-  
tious and propitious  
to their Souls, though  
the outward man de-  
cay, yet let the inward  
man be renewed day  
by day: and when  
their bodies shall go  
the way of all the  
earth, grant that their  
Souls may go the way  
of

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of thy Saints and of  
thy Servants. And we  
beseech thee, gracious  
God, to sanctifie all  
spectacles of frailty,  
and Mortality, to us  
that are in health and  
strength, help us to  
wait all the dayes of  
our appointed time  
until our change shall  
come, make us all  
wise Virgins that we  
may get oyl into our  
lamps, not only the  
lamps of profession,  
but the oyl of sincerity  
ty

## his Prayer. 349

of ty; that we may be  
we allwayes ready to go  
ous in with thee the Bride-  
allgroom of our Souls  
ty, when soever it shall  
us please thee to come  
nd unto us, either by thy  
to general or by thy par-  
of ticular visitation. And  
me seing, O Lord, we have  
all begun to speak unto  
all thee, our selvs being  
we but dust and ashes, O  
our let not our Lord be  
the angry, and we will  
on speak but this once  
er more for a blessing up-  
ty; R on

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on thy own ordināce,  
bleſs me, O Lord, who  
am to ſpeak, open  
thou my lips and  
my mouth ſhall  
ſhew forth thy praiſe,  
give me ſtrength of  
body and mind, a  
heart ſtudious of thy  
Glory, and the good  
of thy people commit-  
ted to my charge, make  
me faithfull as in thy  
preſence, that I may  
never for fear, or fa-  
vour, conceal and hide  
that ſenſe of ſcripture  
from

## his Prayer. 351

from thy people,  
which was intruded  
by thy blessed Spirit,  
and instead thereof,  
fasten upon it my own  
inventions, and inter-  
pretations, which is  
the highest sacrilege  
that can be committed  
in this World, and  
that which in all times  
hath betrayed thine  
own people to many,  
not only foolish, but  
dangerous errors; pre-  
pare, O Lord, the hearts  
of this people, for the  
R 2 hear-

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hearing and receiving  
of thy holy word, that  
they may receive it  
with meekness and  
due reverence, open  
their hearts as thou  
didst the heart of *Lyd-  
dea*, enlighten those  
that are ignorant, re-  
duce those that go a-  
stray, comfort those  
that are afflicted, raise  
up those that fall,  
strengthen those that  
are weak, confirm and  
establish those that are  
strong, bring us all  
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## his Prayer. 353

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nearer and nearer to  
thy majesty. These  
mercies, O thou God of  
mercy, we beg of thee,  
in the name, and for  
the merits, and in the  
words of thy Christ &  
our Jesus, saying as he  
bath taught us, *Our  
Father, &c.*

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Or

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Or Thus

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*Let us call upon the name  
of the Lord*

**L**ook down from  
heaven, O Lord,  
upon us, with the eyes  
of thy mercy, in a  
free pardon and for-  
giveness of all our sins,  
for number many, and  
for nature heinous:  
give unto us, O Lord,  
a true sight of them, a  
seri-

## his Prayer. 355

serious repentance for  
them, and a constant  
purpose and resolution  
never to return un-  
to them. And for the  
dayes that we have  
yet to live, grant that  
we may pass the time  
of our sojourning here  
in fear, remembering  
that we are pilgrims  
and strangers as all our  
Fathers were, and that  
we have no abiding  
City; teach us to live  
as those that must dy,  
and after death come

R 4 to

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to Judgement; guide  
us here, O Lord, by  
thy counsel, and after-  
wards receive us into  
thy glory——Bless the  
holy Catholic Church,  
defend her and streng-  
then her, O God, that  
with courage and vic-  
tory she may fight thy  
battels, and allwayes  
maintain that enmity  
which thou hast set  
betwixt the seed of  
the woman, and the  
seed of the Serpent.  
Stil continue to spread  
thy

his Prayer. 357

thy wings of providence and protection over the Churches of *England, Scotland, and Ireland*: let not the wilde Boar of the field by superstition and idolatry lay them waste, neither suffer those little Foxes by factions and schisms to root them up: remove most gracious God, thy heavy judgements that are upon us, withhold those that hang over us, &c.

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As

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*As it follows in the  
former Prayer.*

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Mr. *Ball* his Prayer  
after Sermon.

**H**Oly, Holy, Holy,  
Lord God of Sab-  
boath, Heaven and  
Earth are full of the  
Majesty of thy glo-  
ry, it is the employ-  
ment of Saints & An-  
gels to adore thee, and  
to worship thee, and  
(r) to

## 360 Mr. Ball

to fall down before thee; The Cherubins they cover their faces, as being unworthy to look up unto thee, and they cover their feet, as being unworthy that thou shouldest look down upon them; It is the desire of thy Saints and Servants here on Earth, that thy will may be done on Earth, as it is in Heaven; We desire to adore thee, and to worship thee, in the  
con-

his Prayer. 361

contemplation of thy  
great glory. Thou art a  
God who art infinite  
in power, and infinite  
in purity; Thou art  
the great Creator of  
Heaven and Earth;  
Thou art the wise  
Disposer, & Govern-  
our of all things; Thou  
dwellest in the Light  
that is inaccessible; It  
is little O Lord, that  
we know of thee,  
while we are here be-  
low; We see all things  
here darkly, and as in

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a glasse; But we desire  
to see and know so  
much, that we may a  
dore thee, and reve  
rence thee, and fear  
before thee; Enlarge  
our hearts with thank  
fulnesse, and fill our  
mouths with praises,  
for all thy goodnesse,  
& for all thy Mercies,  
that thou hast commu  
nicated to us thy poor  
Creatures; We bleſſe  
thee for creating us af  
ter thine own Image,  
for redeeming us  
when

## his Prayer. 363

when we had lost it;  
a favour which thou  
deniedst to the An-  
gels, when they sinned  
against thee ; Above  
all, we blesse thee for  
thy dear Son, the Sun  
of thy Love, the great-  
est gift which ever  
thou didst give to the  
Sons of Men. We bless  
thee for his Incarnati-  
on, for his holy Life, &  
patient Death, for his  
glorious Resurrection  
and Ascension, and for  
the comming of the

(13) Ho.

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Holy Ghost. We bleſs thee for all temporal favours, from thee cometh every good, as well as every perfect gift; We bleſſe thee for our Health, whileſt others are upon their Beds of Sickneſſe; We bleſſe thee for our lives, while others are gone into their graves, the Land where all things are forgotten; We bleſs thee for our plenty, while others are in ſcarcity & famine,  
We

## his Prayer. 365

We bleſſe thee for our  
Peace, whiſt others  
are in War; We bleſs  
thee for our Liberty,  
while others are in  
Prison; Eſpecially O  
Lord, we bleſſe thee  
for theſe ſpiritual  
Liberties, of com-  
ming into thy Houſe,  
of calling upon thy  
Name, of hearing, and  
ſpeaking thy moſt ho-  
ly Word, the things  
that do concern our  
everlaſting Peace; Oh  
never ſuffer them to  
(r 4) . be

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be hid from our Eyes,  
in this the day of our  
visitation; We humbly  
pray thee to pardon  
& pass by all weaknesse  
and frailties, that have  
been this day, either in  
the Speaker, or in  
the Hearers, take away  
from us the iniquity,  
of our holy things; Let  
not thy blessings be  
upon us according to  
any Excellency or  
Worth that is in our  
Performances, nothing  
belongs to us, but  
Shame

his Prayer. 367

Shame and Confusion  
of face, but let thy  
blessings be upon us,  
according to thy rich  
and free Mercy; *Paul*  
may plant, and *Apol-*  
*lo* may water, but  
thou art the God that  
givest the encrease;  
thou art the God that  
teachest us to profit,  
we look up unto thee  
for a Blessing, and we  
beseech thee to grant,  
that the Words which  
we have heard this day  
with our outward  
Ears,

368 Mr. Ball, &c.

Ears, may through thy  
grace, be so grafted in-  
wardly in our Hearts,  
that they may bring  
forth in us the fruit of  
good living, to the ho-  
nor and praise of thy  
Name, through Jesus  
Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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whose Payers you  
have in this  
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*A priuat Prayer to  
be said before thou re-  
ceiue the Lords  
Supper.*

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By *John Reading* late  
Minister of *Dover*.

**M**ost gracious  
Lord God, Fa-  
ther of mercy & truth,  
who dwelling in that  
light which none can  
at-

## *A Prayer before*

• attain unto, yet  
• vouchsafest to prepare  
the hearts of thy ser-  
vants here on earth to  
help their infirmities,  
and to hear their Peti-  
tions: prepare my  
heart, teach me to  
pray, encline thine  
ear unto me, and have  
mercy upon me. O  
Lord thou art a just  
and a severe Iudge,  
how shall I then (vile  
& unworthy wretch)  
appear this day before  
thee in the Courts  
• of

*the Sacrament.*

of thy house? I  
came into this world a  
childe of wrath and  
disobedience, naked  
and destitute of all  
goodness: but O Lord  
my Redeemer, thou  
hast bestowed the seal  
of thy righteousness  
upon me in my Bap-  
tism, thou hast cal-  
led me to the know-  
ledge of thy Gospel,  
thou hast given me the  
inward seal and ear-  
nest of my Redempti-  
on, by the Spirit of  
Rege-

## *A Prayer before*

Regeneration: Lord  
establish the thing  
thou hast freely  
wrought in me. And  
as thou hast this day  
invited me to thy Ta-  
ble, to the Communi-  
on of the body and  
blood of thy Son *Jesus*  
*Christ*, so Lord bestow  
the wedding garment  
on me, that I may ap-  
pear before thee cloa-  
thed in the righteous-  
ness of thy Son *Jesus*,  
whom thou madest an  
offering for sin, that  
in

## *the Sacrament.*

rd in him we might be-  
ng come righteous before  
ly thee. Lord, what is  
d man that thou so re-  
y gardest him? and who  
a- among the Sons of  
i- men hath more cause  
d to praise thy mercies  
s than wretched I? Thy  
y mercy hath long spa-  
t red me, thou hast ta-  
ken me out of the  
power of darknesse,  
and Kingdome of Sa-  
tan; thou hast given  
me the glorious free-  
dome of the children  
of

## *A Prayer before*

of light: What shall I  
render the Lord for  
all his benefits towards  
me? I will call upon  
the name of the Lord,  
I will declare his mer-  
cies, I will take the  
Cup of Salvation, and  
pay my vowes. All is  
too little which I have  
to give thee: O Lord  
thou hast in my crea-  
tion given me my self;  
in my Redemption  
thou hast restored me  
to my self; therefore  
now accept again  
thine

## *the Sacrament.*

thine own gift ; Lord  
let me be wholly  
thine. And being now  
to appear before thee  
with a Sacrifice of  
praise, Lord I pray  
thee for *Jesus Christ* his  
sake, prepare the Al-  
tar of my heart, purge  
me with Hyssop that  
I may be clean. •

Create a clean heart  
within me, and renew  
a right spirit: Sprinkle  
the door of my Soul  
with the blood of the  
Lamb of God, which  
taketh  
•

## *A Prayer before*

taketh away the sins  
of the World, that the  
destroyer may not en-  
ter. Send down thy  
grace and holy Spirit  
into my heart, with  
that heavenly fire of  
love to thee, and true  
charity to all men,  
which may assure me  
of thy acceptance of  
me. Cleanse out of me  
all the old leaven of sin  
and maliciousness. O-  
pen my understanding,  
increase my faith, that  
I may see and know  
the

## *the Sacrament.*

the assurance of my  
sins remission in these  
seals of eternal life,  
which by thy mercy I  
am to receive. Thou  
hast taught me, O  
Lord, that my blessed  
Saviour in the night  
that he was betrayed,  
made this his holy Te-  
stament, wherein as  
he took flesh & blood  
of us, that he might  
dy for us, so he be-  
queathed his body &  
blood to us, that we  
might live in him; and  
left

## *A Prayer before*

left this Sacrament as  
a faithfull pledge of his  
love, to remember us  
of his dying for us till  
he come again. O  
Lord I know thou art  
the life and truth, and  
wouldest not have left  
thy Church any ef-  
fectless pledge of their  
salvation. Lord *Jesus*  
therefore be present  
with my spirit, work  
powerfully on thine  
own ordinance, that it  
may indeed seal up  
my Salvation in my  
Soul

## *the Sacrament.*

Soul with that constant assurance, that the gates of Hell may never prevail against it: that no terroure of Conscience, nor any delusions of Satan may be able to overthrow it; But that I may with a lively Faith lay hold on all the merits of Jesus Christ, that I may find therein an inward peace in confidence of my sins forgiveness, recōciliation with my God, sound joy

## *A Prayer before*

joy in the Holy Ghost  
my Comforter, sancti-  
fied will and affecti-  
ons, purity of life, and  
holy obedience, which  
hath the testimony of  
a good conscience, to  
be a sweet comfort in  
life and death: assu-  
ring me that I have  
fought a good fight,  
and kept the faith, and  
therefore shall enjoy  
that crown of righte-  
ousness, which the  
Lord the righteous  
judge shall at that day  
give

## *the Sacrament.*

of give to all them that  
ti love his appearing.  
ti Grant this O Lord, and  
nd what ever else thou  
ch knowest to be needfull  
of for me, for *Jesus Christ*  
to his sake, who with thee  
in O Father, and the holy  
Fu Spirit, liveth and! reig-  
ve neth ever one God,  
nt, world without end.  
nd Amen.

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Private Prayer af-  
ter receiving the  
Lords Supper.  
By Mr. Reading, &c.

**M**ost gracious  
God, and merci-  
full Father, who of  
thine own free love  
and good pleasure hast  
elected, created, re-  
deemed, reconciled,  
justified and prefer-  
red me, and hast also  
be-

## *the Sacrament.*

bestowed on me the  
peaceable use of thy  
holy Word and Sacra-  
ments: I humbly thank  
thee for all thy mercies  
which thou hast shew-  
ed me, as also for  
this present comfort  
which I have now re-  
ceived at thy merciful  
hands. O Lord, accept  
this sacrifice of praise  
and thanksgiving  
through Iesus Christ:  
perfect the work which  
thou hast begun in me,  
make good thine own

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. Or.

## *A Prayer after*

Ordinance unto my  
Soul, seal me up to  
the day of Redempti-  
on, kindle in me full  
assurance of my sins re-  
mission and reconcili-  
ation with thee, lively  
sense of my union  
with Christ, and Christ  
his living in me, and  
guiding me so by his  
holy Spirit, that his  
life may appear in all  
my actions, words, and  
thoughts, and that I  
may henceforth no  
more live to sin, but  
being

## *the Sacrament.*

being freed from the lawes thereof, may have my fruits unto holiness and salvation. Lord therefore make me every day more & more able to do thy Will, and to abandon mine own corrupt desires: Let me feel in my Soul and Conscience the real benefit of thy Word and Sacraments, which thou hast promised to all those who truly seek thee, give me  
S 2 . that

## *A Prayer after*

that longing desire of  
righteousness which is  
by thy Grace secured  
from despair, and pre-  
served from vain-glo-  
ry and presumption:  
satisfie me with that  
measure of Grace,  
which thy wisdom  
knoweth sufficient for  
me: Lord make me  
know that I have not  
now received this Sa-  
crament in vain, let me  
hereby be nourished  
unto eternal Life, and  
obtain a better strength  
to

## *the Sacrament.*

to walk before thee,  
till I come to thy holy  
mountain, the land of  
the living: Give me a  
sound and lively faith,  
give me cheerfulness  
of heart in a spiritual  
tasting of the Tree of  
Life: My Saviour Je-  
sus, give me a firm and  
comfortable peace of  
Conscience, with that  
joy of the holy Ghost,  
which may assure me  
that thy Kingdome is  
established in me: give  
me a zealous love of  
S 3 . thy

## *A Prayer after*

thy glory, ready obedience to thy Law, fear to displease thee, and holy love to all my brethren, (which may give me boldness in the Day of Judgment) with that unblameableness of life and conversation wch. may be to thy glory, and the good example of those with whom I live. Assist me with thy sanctifying Spirit, that I may perform all those vowes, which I have

## *the Sacrament .*

have made to serve thee, & that every day of my life may be to me as this Sabbath, an holy rest from sin: Lord prevent the subtilty of the Tempter, and let thy holy Spirit keep me body and Soul: Give me an holy contempt of this present world, and affections set on heaven, where my blessed Saviour Jesus Christ sitteth at thy right hand, who will in the ap-  
S 4 poin-

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S 4 poin-

## *A Prayer after*

pointed time appear  
in Judgement, and ga-  
ther all his Saints unto  
him.

These things, and  
whatsoever else thou  
knowest needfull for  
me, or any part of the  
whole Church Mili-  
tant here on earth, I  
beg at thy gracious  
hands, who hast com-  
manded us to ask, and  
promised to give. O  
Lord incline thine ear  
and hear: O Lord, give  
a Gracious Answer  
through

*the Sacrament.*

through Jesus Christ  
our Lord: To whom  
with thee O Father of  
mercy, and the holy  
Ghost the Comforter,  
be all honour and glo-  
ry in heaven and earth  
to all eternity, *Amen.*

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 11. fact that the Government  
 12. has not been able to  
 13. secure the necessary  
 14. funds to carry out  
 15. its policy.



Litaniæ breves pro  
diversis hominum  
statibus & necessi-  
tatibus Officio ad-  
dendæ pro placito.

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Exaudi nos precantes  
Domine Deus, Jesu  
Christi atque mise-  
ricordiarum Pater,

**P***ro universâ Eccle-  
siâ, quam immobi-  
lem & tranquillam, San-  
ctam,*

Etiam, & in Partibus co-  
adunatam, immunitatem a  
Schismate, hæresi & Sa-  
crilegio custodias ad con-  
summationem sæculi: ut  
cœlestem spem singula  
membra persequantur, &  
ut donum Orationis, &  
officium solenne sacrifi-  
candi jugiter operentur;  
& per gratiam Christi  
& Dei Patris salutem, be-  
nedictionem, custodiam,  
& pietatem nobis omni-  
bus & singulis largire  
gratiosè.

Exaudi

Exaudi nos precan-  
tes Domine De-  
us, Jesu Christi  
& misericordia-  
rum Pater.

*Pro Regibus & Duci-  
bus Populorum, maxi-  
mè verò pro serenissimo  
nostre Rege, cui ut Spiri-  
tum principalem, Spiri-  
tum Sapientiae, Pietatis  
& Consilii largiaris, hu-  
militer rogamus; pro  
Eodem, & pro omnibus  
Principibus, ut vivant in  
pace atque honore, ut eos  
timeant;*

timeant, & ament po-  
puli, & illi Deum, ut  
sint Nutritii Ecclesiarum,  
Patres Orphanorum, &  
Judices Viduarum, ut  
miseriis inopum, & ge-  
mitibus Oppressorum con-  
doleant, ne populum Dei  
ob rem nihili lacerent &  
discerpant injusto aut  
iniquo bello, sed Gregem  
Christi pascant, & om-  
nia ad publicam honesta-  
tem & tranquillitatem  
spectantia inquirant &  
agant, ita administrantes  
præsentia ne amittant  
bona futura. Ex.

Exaudi nos precan-  
tes Domine De-  
us, Jesu Christi  
& misericordia-  
rum Pater.

*Pro Episcopis, Pres-  
byteris, atque omni  
Clero, ut fide sanctâ &  
moribus integris, homi-  
liis & Exemplo, bene  
agendo & patienter ma-  
la tolerando, pascant &  
enutrient populum Dei, ut  
ad Patriam cœlestem in-  
vitent, ducant, & ipsi  
præcant, sectas minnant  
&*

Et rectè instruant, con-  
venticula Et impiorum  
cetus armis spiritualibus  
dissipent Et disturbent,  
Et post uberem conversio-  
nem animarum sicut stel-  
læ resplendeant in orbi-  
bus æternæ claritatis.

Exaudi nos precan-  
tes, &c.

Pro uxore Et liberis  
Et totâ familiâ, ut  
illis tubone Deus salutem  
mentis Et corporis largi-  
aris, ut sufficiens ad iter  
cæleste

cæleste perficiendum mi-  
nistres viaticum tempo-  
rale, ut ab omni malo cu-  
stodias, dirigas, & tuea-  
ris, & sanctifices, ut si-  
mus conjugati cum Chri-  
sto, te Patrem æternum,  
clementem & misericor-  
dem habeamus, & ut si-  
mus familia Sancta, in-  
tegro officio nostro functi,  
tandem jure adoptivo in  
familiam tuam in civi-  
tate Sanctâ hæredes as-  
ciscamur.

Exaudi

**Exaudi nos precan-  
tes, &c.**

*Pro fratribus, ami-  
cis, & Benefactori-  
bus: corporibus eorum  
Angelos deputes custodes,  
animabus Spiritum San-  
ctum Ducem, necessitati-  
bus eorum providentiam  
tuam curatricem & mi-  
nistrum, atque eos ab æ-  
ternâ damnatione gratia  
tua eripiat & conservet.*

**Exaudi**

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Exaudi nos precan-  
tes, &c.

Pro omni statu &  
differentia Christiani  
Populi. Præsta Domi-  
ne Rex æterne, Virgi-  
nibus castitatem, Deo di-  
catis continentiam, Con-  
jugatis fidem & Sancti-  
moniam, Viduis & Or-  
phanis tutelam, Pauperi-  
bus sustentationem, Pe-  
regrinantibus Angelum  
Comitem, & pium & fe-  
licem reditum, Navigan-  
tibus portum, Lugentibus  
con-

consolationem, Oppressis  
patrocinium, Afflictis pa-  
tientiam & liberatio-  
nem, Martyribus & Con-  
fessoribus fidem, perseve-  
rantiam, & retributio-  
nem cœlestis brabii; pœ-  
nitentibus indulgentiam,  
Optimis Sanctitatem in-  
defessam & denuò dura-  
turam, mediocribus pie-  
tatis & Religionis au-  
ctarium, delinquentibus  
correctionem, & resipis-  
centiam opportunam &  
tempestivam; agris in  
componere lectum, & da  
re.

resignatum & patientem  
animum, & ut tibi pla-  
cuerit, atque illis expedit,  
sanitatem aut mortem  
sanctam & beatam;  
scrupulosis fidem corrobo-  
ra, & intellectum in-  
strue, Dubitantibus te  
Præsta Ducem & Docto-  
rem; Condemnatis ad  
mortem da solatium, for-  
tem & quietum spiri-  
tum, charitate & gratiâ  
plenum; libertatem cap-  
tivis, inimicis gratiam  
charitatis & pœniten-  
tiæ, omnibus fidelibus  
pro

pro variis suis necessita-  
tibus requiem, refrigeri-  
um, & tandem misericor-  
diam in die tremendi  
Judicii.

Exaudi nos precan-  
tes, &c.

Custodi ( Bone De-  
us ) Magistratus in  
justitiâ, Cælum in Salu-  
britate, terram in uber-  
tate, populum tuum à  
fame, & peste, ab incen-  
dio domus, à diluvio &  
vivicomburio personas, à  
Nau-

ta. fragio & Exilio, à car-  
ri. cere & ~~ca~~de, à viduita-  
or. te & orbitate, à violen-  
di. tiâ pœnarum & passio-  
num, à tempestatibus &  
n. terræ motu, à nimiâ solli-  
citudine & impatientiâ,  
à tædio animi & despe-  
ratione, à morte impro-  
e. visâ inopportunâ &  
in. gravi, maledictâ, & in-  
u. solenti, ab improvisis ac-  
r. cidentibus, à metu ni-  
à mio, ab omni irâ tuâ, &  
n. ab omni omnimodò pec-  
cato.

à Nations belligeras re-  
prime,

privie, errantes converte,  
alienatas advoca, popu-  
lum tuum indies Sancti-  
fica, infantes ad virilem  
etatem perducas, noviti-  
os confirma, Catechume-  
nos instrue, prægnañtibz  
tu partum felicem lar-  
gire, & nos omnes in  
regnum cælorum congre-  
ga:

Tu dirige viam nostram,  
tuere vitam, serva nos  
in timore, largire pie-  
tatem via, & heredi-  
tatem Patriæ, per Je-  
sum

*sum Christum Domi-  
num Nostrum. Amen,*

*Pater noster, &c.*

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**FINIS.**

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**READER,**

**Y**OU are desired to take notice, that there is a piece lately Printed of *Mr. Ioh. Quarles*, Entituled *Divine Meditations* upon several Subjects, &c. Likewise a Coment on the Times, Written by *Thomas Wall*, Mr. in Arts: And are to be sold by *John Stafford*, at his House in *George-yard*, near *Fleet-bridge*, 1659.

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Dr. *Hewit*

His Last

PRAYER.

**O** Most glorious Lord  
God, thou whose  
dwelling is so far above the  
highest heavens, that thou  
humblest thy self but to  
look upon the things that  
are in heaven, and that are  
in Earth, thou who dost  
whatsoever thou wilt both  
in Heaven, in Earth, in the  
Sea, and in all places. In thy  
hands are the hearts of all  
men, and thou turnest them  
which way soever thou  
wilt.

wilt. O Lord! look in mercy and compassion, we beseech thee, on this great and numerous people of this Land with an eye of pity, not with an eye of fury and indignation; O look not on all those great and grievous sins that have provoked thee most justly to wrath & displeasure against us. But gracious God! who can stand in thy sight when thou art angry? when thou with rebuke dost correct man for sin, thou makst his beauty to consume away like as it were a Moth fretting a Garment. O Lord!

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*his last Prayer.* 3

thy indignation and wrath  
lies heavy upon us, & thou  
hast vexed us with scour-  
ges, thou hast made us  
a reproach and a by-word  
amongst our Neighbours,  
and the very heathen laugh  
us to scorn. Oh that thou  
wouldest turn us again, O  
Lord God of Hosts ! that  
thou wouldest shew us the  
light of thy countenance,  
that we may behold it ;  
that thou wouldest humble  
us for al those sins & grie-  
vous transgressions that  
are amongst us ; for those  
Atheisms, for those Infide-  
lities, horrid Blasphemies,

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& Prophaneness, for those  
Sacriledges for those Here-  
sies, for those Schisms, Er-  
rors, & al those blindnesse  
of heart, pride, vain-glory  
and hypocrisie, that leads  
us from thee, it perswades  
us it will bring us to thee;  
O humble us for that envy,  
hatred and malice, and all  
uncharitableness, that hath  
set us one against another,  
that we are so dashed one  
against another, even to de-  
stroy each other; *Ephraim*  
against *Manasseh* and *Ma-  
nasseh* against *Ephraim*, and  
both against *Judah*. This  
thou hast done to us to  
make

*his last Prayer.*

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make us a scourge unto each other, O Lord because we have rebelled against thee : O how greatly and grievously have we sinned? yet for all this, thou hast not requited us according to our ill deservings, for thou mightest have brought us to desolation and destruction: fire might have come down from heaven and destroyed us ; our forraign Enemies, and the Enemies of thee, and thy Christ our Saviour, might have swallowed us up. What have we not deserved? yet O the long-suffering, and patience, & good-

ness of our God! O Lord  
our God! we pray thee that  
thy patience and long-suf-  
fering might lead us to re-  
pentance, that thou wouldst  
be pleased thou who de-  
lightest not in the death of  
a sinner, but rather that he  
should turn from his sins  
and live, that thou would-  
est turn us unto thee, O  
Lord! & we shall be turned;  
draw us, & we shall run af-  
ter thee: draw us with the  
Cords of love, and by the  
hands of thy loving kind-  
ness, by the powerfull  
working of thy holy spirit  
in our souls, work contri-  
tion

*his last Prayer.* 7

tion in our hearts, and a  
godly sorrow for all our  
sins, even a sorrow to re-  
pentance, and a repentance  
to salvation never to be re-  
pented of, O Lord break  
these stony hearts of ours  
by the hammer of thy  
word, mollifie them by the  
oyle of thy Grace, smite  
these rockie hearts of ours  
by the Rod of thy most gra-  
cious power, that we may  
shed forth Rivers of tears  
for the sins we have com-  
mitted. O that thou wouldst  
make us grieve, because we  
cannot grieve; and to weep  
because we cannot weep

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enough: that thou would-  
est humble us more & more  
in the true sight and sense  
of all our provocations a-  
gainst thee, and that thou  
wouldest be pleased in the  
blood of Jesus Christ, to  
cleanse us from al our sins;  
Lord let his blood that  
speaks beter things then  
that of *Abel*, cry louder in  
thine ears for mercy, then  
al those mischiefes & wick-  
ednesses that have been  
done amongst us for ven-  
geance: O besprinkle my  
polluted, but penitent soul,  
in the blood of Jesus Christ  
that I may be clean in thy  
fight,

*his last Prayer.* 9

fight, and that the light of thy countenance may shine upon me. Lord! be pleased to seal unto mine, & al our soules, the free pardon of al our sins, and say that we may heare it, that thou art well-pleased with us, and appeased towards us. Lord! do thou by thy spirit assure our spirits, that we are thy Children, & that thou art reconciled to us in the blood of Jesus Christ. To this end, O Lord! create in us new hearts, and renew right spirits within us: cast us not away from thy presence, & take not thy holy spirit from us; but give us

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the comfort of thy help, & establish us with thy free spirit. Help us to live as thy redeemed ones, and (Lord!) let us not any longer by our wicked lives deny that most holy faith whereof our lips have so long time made profession but let us that call on the name of the Lord Jesus, depart from iniquity, & hate every evil way. Help us to cast away all our transgressions, whereby we have transgressed, and make us new hearts. Carry us along through the Pilgrimage of this world, supplying us with

*his last Prayer.*

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with all things needfull  
for us ; thy grace alone is  
sufficient for us: Lord ! let  
thy grace be assistant to us,  
to strengthen us against all  
the temptation of Satan,  
especially against those sins  
whereunto we are most  
prone , either by custome  
or constitution, or most ea-  
sily provoked to. O Lord!  
with what affliction soever  
thou shalt punish, do not  
punish us with spirituall  
judgments and desertions.  
Give us not over to our  
own hearts lusts, to our vile  
lewd, & corrupt affection,  
Give us not over to hard-  
ness

ness and impenitency of heart, but make us sensible of the least sin, and give us thy grace to think no sin little; committed against thee our God, but that we may be humbled for it, and repent of it, and reform it in our lives and conversations: and Lord! keep us from presumptuous sins, O let not them get the dominion over us, but keep us innocent from the great offences. And Lord! sanctifie unto us all thy methods & proceedings with us, fitting us for all further tribulations & tryals whatsoever thou

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thou in thy divine pleasure  
shalt be pleased to impose  
upon us : Lord give us pa-  
tience, constancy, resoluti-  
on and fortitude to under-  
go them, that though we  
walk through the valley of  
the shadow of death , we  
may fear none il:knowing  
that thou, O Lord art mer-  
cifully with us, and that  
with thy rod as well as  
with thy staff, thou wilt  
support and comfort us ; &  
that nothing shall be able  
to separate us from thy  
love which is in Jesus  
Christ our Lord.

And (gracious God!) we  
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befeech thee be thou pleased to look mercifully and compassionately on thy holy Catholique Church, and grant that all they that do confesse thy holy Name, may agree together in the truth of thy holy Word, & live in unity & godly love. Thou hast promised, O Lord ! The gates of hell shall not prevaile against thy Church: performe, we beseech thee, thy most gracious promises, both to thy whole Church, and to that part of it which thou hast planted, and now afflicted in these sinfull Lands. and Nations

Nations wherein we live.  
Arise, O Lord! & have mercy  
upon our Sion, for it is  
time that thou have mercy  
upon her; yea, the time is  
come for thy servants think  
upon her stones; and it pi-  
tieth them to see her in the  
dust. Lord! maintain thine  
own Cause; rescue the light  
of thy truth from all those  
clouds of errors and he-  
resies which do so much  
obscure it, and let the light  
thereof in a free profession  
break forth & shine again  
among us, and that conti-  
nually, even as long as the  
Sun and Moon endures.

And

And gracious God ! look  
mercifully upon all our  
Relations, & do thou bring  
them to the light of thy  
Truth, that are wandring  
and ready to fal, that grace  
here may interest them in  
glory hereafter. Confirm  
them in thy Truth that al-  
ready stand : Shew some  
good token for good unto  
them, that they may rejoyce.  
O let thy good hand of  
providence be over them  
in all their wayes : & to all  
orders and degrees of men  
that be amongst us. Give  
religious hearts to them  
that now rule in Authority  
over

*his last Prayer.* 17

over us : Loyall hearts in  
their Subjects towards  
their Supream : & loving  
hearts in all men to their  
Friends, & charitable hearts  
one towards another. And  
for the continuance of thy  
Gospel among us, restore  
in thy good time to their  
severall Places & Callings,  
and give grace, O Heavenly  
Father ! to all Bishops, Pas-  
tors & Curates, that they  
may both by their Life &  
Doctrine set forth thy true  
and lively word, & rightly  
& duly administer thy ho-  
ly Sacrament. And Lord!  
blesse thy Church still with  
Pastors

Pastors after thine own  
heart, with a continual suc-  
cession of faithful and able  
men, that they may both  
by Life & Doctrine declare  
thy Truth, and never for  
fear or favour back-slide  
or depart from the same.  
And give them the assist-  
ance of thy spirit that may  
enable them so to preach  
thy word, that they may  
keep thy people upright in  
the midst of a corrupted &  
corrupt generation. And,  
good Lord! bless thy peo-  
ple every where with hear-  
ing eares, understanding  
hearts, conscientious souls,  
and

own and obedient lives, especially those over whom I have had either lately or formerly a charge, that with meek hearts and due reverence, they may hear & receive thy holy word, truly serving thee in righteousness and holiness all the days of our lives.

And we beseech thee of thy goodness, O Lord! to comfort and succour all those that in this transitory life be in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity; Lord! help the helpless, comfort the comfortless, visit the sick,

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releive the oppressed, help  
them to right that suffer  
wrong, set them at liberty  
that are in Prison, restore  
the banished, and of thy  
great mercy; & in thy good  
time deliver all thy people  
out of their necessities:  
Lord! do thou of thy great  
mercy fit us al for our lat-  
ter end: for the hour of  
death and the day of Judg-  
ment: and do thou in the  
hour of death, and at the  
day of Judgment, from thy  
wrath & everlasting dam-  
nation, good Lord deliver  
us, through the Cross and  
passion of our Lord *Jesus*  
*Christ.* In

*his last Prayer:* 21

In the mean time; O  
Lord! teach us so to num-  
ber our days, and me my  
Minutes, that we may apply  
our hearts to true wisdom,  
that we may be wise unto  
salvation, that we may live  
soberly, godly and righte-  
ously, in this present world  
denying all ungodliness &  
worldly lusts: Lord! teach  
us so to live, that we may  
not be a fraid to dye, and  
that we may so live that  
we may be alwayes prepa-  
red to die, that when death  
shall seize upon us it may  
not surprise us, but that we  
may liff up our heads with  
joy,

joy, knowing that our redemption draws nigh, and that we shall be for ever happy, being assured that we shall come to the felicity of the Chosen, & rejoyce with the gladness of thy people: and give us such a fulness of thy holy Spirit that may make us stedfast in this faith; and confirme us in this hope; indue me with patience under thy afflicting hand, and let not death be unpleasing to me, but support me in this visitation, that I may dye with a confidence to overcome death, and so to live  
for

*his last Prayer.* 23

for ever, and so fortifie my  
soul with the assistance of  
thy spirit, that I may to the  
last minute be assisted with  
a most chearful resolution  
to give up my self to thy  
divine disposing, that so  
passing the pilgrimage of  
this world, we may come  
to the Land of Promise, the  
Heavenly *Canaan*, that we  
may reign with thee in the  
World to come; through  
Jesus Christ our Lord; in  
whose blessed Name and  
Words we further call up-  
on thee, saying.

*Our Father, &c.*

Let thy mighty hand and

our

out-stretched arme , O  
Lord! be the defence of me,  
and all other thy servants,  
thy mercy & loving kind-  
ness, in *Jesus Christ* our sal-  
vation, thy true and holy  
Word, our instruction, thy  
Grace and holy Spirit, our  
comfort and consolation,  
to the end, and in the end,  
through *Jesus Christ* our  
Lord, *Amen.*

F I N I S,

# Choice Forms of Prayer